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The Mission of the El Estero Presbyterian Church is to Glorify God
through a Grateful Commitment
to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Pastor Ted's Message

Return To Onsite Church Services



On Palm Sunday April 10th we celebrated our return to church. After 2 years of sheltering in place and complying with the state and San Jose Presbytery mandates, I was pleasantly surprised to see over 20 people for our first onsite service. Thanks to Rick and Ellie Hattori the entrance to the church and the sanctuary was adorned with Palm branches as we commemorated the Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

For Easter we had almost 30 people gather to celebrate in person the most significant event in all of human history, the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the tomb.

Each week we have seen more people returning to church as well as seeing visitors coming to church. I was grateful that Tom and Kris Hare who were searching the internet for local churches happened to see our church website where I mentioned in my biography that I had a daughter who has Transverse Myelitis. Kris, who was diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis 11 years ago has been coming to church and a couple weeks ago, Sherry and Kris were able to have coffee together and share their similar stories about how TM has affected their lives and how their faith in Jesus has sustained them through the trials and challenges of life.

I am also grateful that we continue to have a so many people joining us via zoom. Richard and Natsuko Marquez do a great job of connecting our onsite and zoom attenders with his personal touch of allowing people to share their joys and concerns. Thanks to zoom we have people from Hawaii, SoCal and NorCal worshipping us and even inviting their friends to worship.

Our onsite and Zoom services would not be possible if not for the hard work, time, and dedication of Lynn and Tom Gunter, Dick Wong, Marilyn Kodani, Taye and Robert Suzuki, Robert McIntyre, Pat Wong, and Don Chin.

Mother's Day was the first opportunity that we had to have a Fellowship Time following the church service. We had originally planned an outdoor gathering but due to the wind and cooler weather we gathered in the Fellowship Hall for some wonderful fellowship and a delicious cake provided by Lyle and Meja Quock. Thanks also to Ellie and Taye Suzuki for preparing tea and other refreshments. Our next onsite Fellowship Time will be on Father's Day as the Outreach Committee will take care of the planning and preparations.

As the Psalmist has said, "God is Good." We continue to give thanks for God's goodness, faithfulness and abounding and steadfast love.

In Christ,

Pastor Ted



Joys and Concerns

Please continue to pray for

Anne Bevier, Bill Bevier, Don and Dori Chin, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Cary Gota, Rick Hattori, Wendy Ichijui, Adele and Marian Kageyama, Mike Kelly, Kiku Kuwatani, Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Bob McIntyre, Joan Ouye, Lyle and Meja Quock, Robert Suzuki, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Magdalena Thomas, Rev. Sam Tonomura, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, Pat and Shirley Wong, George Wooding.

Prayers for our church family, for members who are ill, those away from their loved ones, and those who are concerned for family and friends.

Prayers for the citizens of our world that we may defeat this Coronavirus.

Prayers for our medical professionals, first responders, emergency workers, caregivers, grocery clerks., teachers

Prayers for those who have been laid off or are without income.

Prayers for our research and medical scientists as they work for vaccines and a cure for COVID19.

Prayers for our world leaders as they deal with the complex issues facing their nations and our world community.

Prayers for the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

Prayers for our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers for social justice, racial equality, and peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please let Pastor Ted know via email or a phone call if you have any prayer requests.

COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify * Maturity * Membership * Ministry * Mission*

Please join us.



Let's learn together.

Sunday Morning Adult Study

Daily Devotional: Everyday Pastor Ted writes a Daily Devotional that you can receive online through our church webpage: elesteropc.org and click on This Week

Wednesday Bible Study: Every Wednesday morning, 10:30 – 11:45 am, online through ZOOM. A follow up of Pastor Ted's Sunday Worship Service message. Discussion follows a review of Sunday's sermon with the Sunday worship study guide. Please watch for Pastor Ted's invitation to join each Wednesday's Bible Study on ZOOM. If you would like to join a ZOOM online Bible study, please contact Pastor Ted for more information.

Thursday Evening Q&A: Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a session of questions and answers about Christianity and the Bible. You may submit your questions to Pastor Ted via email and he will respond to your thoughts on Thursday evening. All are welcome to join the group for discussion and in depth learning. Please contact or email Pastor Ted if you are interested and your questions.

Friday Evening Prayer and Fellowship Meeting: Every Friday evening, 7:00 pm, Pastor Ted will host a prayer meeting. All are welcome to join the prayer session for fellowship, joys and concerns, personal prayer and prayers for those on the weekly Prayer Fuel. This is a ZOOM meeting. Please email Pastor Ted for the ZOOM invitation.

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PALM SUNDAY AND REOPENING AT El Estero Church

April 10, 2022





Our church doors are open for worship services for the first time in two years.

Our congregation for Easter Sunday.

April 17, 2022



The OFFERING BOX



As we have reopened our church, we have a couple of procedures that are different from before. You may have noticed that the ushers are not passing our offering plates during worship service. Instead we have an **OFFERING BOX** on a small table behind the pews next to the center aisle. Thank you for continuing to support our church with your tithes and offerings. Your offering helps to run the church, pay the bills, and to provide support for our church community and activities.

We are very blessed to have a generous and loving church family.

THANK YOU !



ART and HIKING FELLOWSHIP

Our ART and Hiking Fellowship will meet on May 28, 2022, 9:30 am at Lover's Point, Pacific Grove. We will walk along the scenic path towards the Aquarium. We will loop back to the Lover's Point parking area and relax with coffee or tea. Everyone is welcome.

See you all for an invigorating morning walk
in beautiful Pacific Grove.



Open
ART
Studio

Join us for art classes led by Bob McIntyre. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00 am on ZOOM. Our class is sponsored by the El Estero Church. Everyone is welcome to sit in and listen or join in with sketching and painting. Please let Bob or Lynn know if you would like a ZOOM invitation.



Waves. Mike



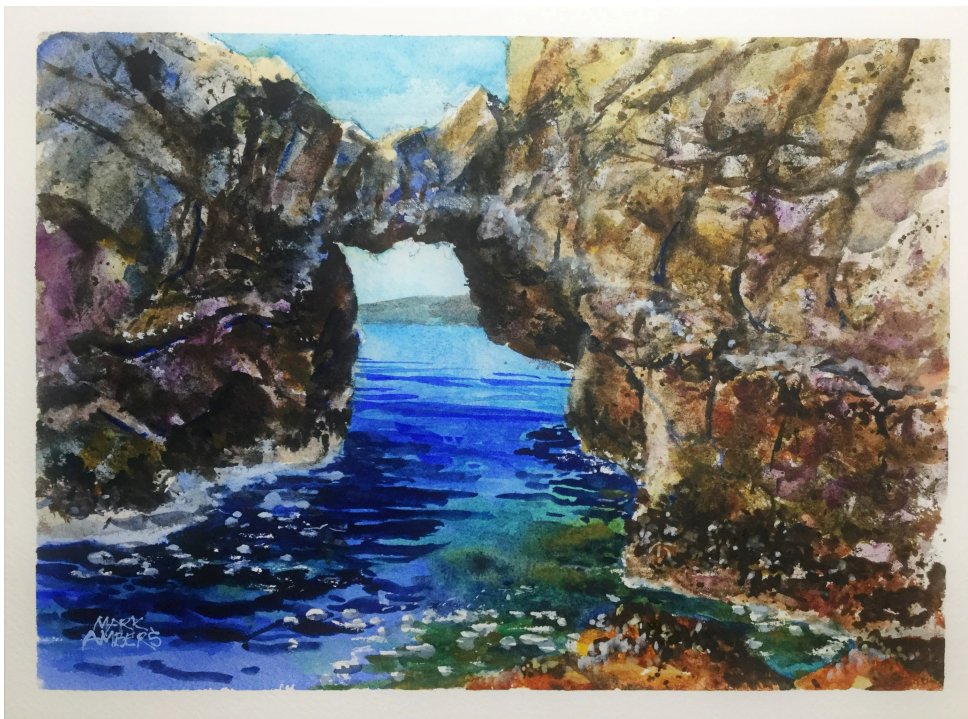
Safe Harbour. mar



PG Lighthouse. Irene



Junk In Misty Hong Kong Harbor. Nancy



PG Kissing Rock. Mark



Orange Flower for Mom. Mark



Barn Landscape.
Nancy



Khan El Khalili Café. KC



Baseball Sketches.
Suzette



Ice Plant on the Cliff. KC



Cold Morning In Chicago. KC



Abstract Fall Day. Mark

Baywood Park Back Bay Skiff. Mark



Point Pinos Lighthouse. Mark



Shopping In Portugal. Tomi



South Lake Tahoe. KC



Blue Iris. KC



Small Point Lobos Arch. Suzette



Kayaking through Arch Rock. Michelle



Desert Arch Rock. KC



Rocks At Point Lobos. Nancy



Cooper Molera Adobe From Orchard. Mark



"Drippy Drips"
Suzette

Distant Clearing.
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Cooper Molera Barns (Graphite Sketch). Mark

JUNE 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.			1 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	2 1:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	3 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	4 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
5 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Communion	6	7	8 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	9 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	10 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	11 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
12 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM Session Mtg.	13	14	15 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	16 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	17 Echoes Articles Due 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	18 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
19 FATHER'S DAY 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM	20	21	22 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg.	23 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	24 7:00 pm Prayer Mtg on ZOOM	25 9:30 am Art and Hiking Fellowship
26 10:30 am Worship Service on ZOOM	27	28	29 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	30 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM		



El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, please contact Pastor Ted Esaki and watch for his email invitation. To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website elesteropc.org and click on Messages.

To join our Wednesday morning Bible Study 10:30 am on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Thursday evening Q & A session 7:00 – 8:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Friday evening Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm on ZOOM, please contact Pastor Ted and watch for his email invitation.

To join our Open Art Studio on Saturday, 10:00 am on ZOOM, please contact Bob McIntyre and watch for Lynn's email invitation.

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*Let us go into His dwelling place;
Let us worship at His footstool.
Psalm 132:7*

