



The El Estero Echoes
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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



THY KINGDOM COME

The past couple weeks, the eyes of the world have been focused on the United Kingdom at the passing of Queen Elizabeth II and the upcoming coronation of Prince Charles III as the new King of England.

Throughout the Bible we read of kings and queens. Well known queens such as the Queen of Sheba, Esther, Vashti, and Jezebel. We also read of the 42 kings in Israel's history including King Saul, David, Solomon, Rehoboam, among others.

When Jesus delivered his most famous sermon, The Sermon On The Mount, the theme of his message was to announce the good news of the kingdom of God. Jesus boldly announced that God had broken into human history and that through him, everyone who puts their hope, faith and trust in Him could spend an eternity with him in God's kingdom. All of Jesus sermons revolved around the good news of the coming of God's kingdom.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Thy kingdom come." Each and every Sunday in our worship service we pray the same prayer, "Thy kingdom come." When we pray this prayer we are asking God to show the world who He is through His Word and through the Holy Spirit. That Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords. We ask that God's church, his followers throughout the world will grow and prosper. We ask that God would bind the forces of the devil and protect his children.

While the world will rejoice with the United Kingdom as they soon coronate King Charles the III, the Christian world is still waiting for Jesus to return and establish His kingdom both in heaven and on earth. The kingdom of God advances one life at a time.

As we have done over the past few months, this edition of the Echoes presents another testimony of God's kingdom advancing one life at a time. The following testimony was written by Marilyn Kodani.

El Estero was my "home church" as I was growing up on the Monterey Peninsula. My mom brought my two sisters and myself to church, as she was one of the Sunday School teachers. My dad did not attend church with us as he was a fire chief and did not have weekend assistance. Coming to church was more of a social event, as I grew up in Carmel and my cousins and Sunday School friends lived in Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Seaside. I only played with them on Sundays.

At home we were raised as Christians. We said grace at dinnertime and we had our own Bibles, but we didn't take time to read them. In my college years and beyond I didn't talk about or seek a church and I know now that I drifted away from church.

When Ted Esaki became the pastor of El Estero Church, I helped at church and in the office. I slowly began to learn Christ's Word in ways that I had not understood before.

In May of 2021, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. From May to July my calendar was booked with appointments for tests and consultations. It was full time and to my surprise I was not anxious or afraid. Pastor Ted, Sherry, Michele Ann, and my family were my pillars of support. They checked in on me, gave me books to read, went to appointments with me, brought over goodies, and prayed for me. In my prayer journal I circled

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.

Romans 12: 12

I said that when I parked my car for appointments, in the waiting rooms, in exam rooms, and back in my car again. It became a prayer of reassurance.

Throughout my cancer journey I was surprised at the number of times God came to my side. At a mammogram appointment I closed my eyes and the tech asked if I was OK. I said I was saying a little silent prayer. She held my hand and said she would pray with me. The same happened in a cardiology exam. The appointment assistant said a silent prayer with me. The tech at the stress test was sharing about his young family and how he and his wife were raising their children with "The Fruit of the Spirit". He also knew of our church, as he often helped Dorothy Maciera get home after her appointments. One of the med techs told me in conversation that she was reading Knowing God, J I Packer. Ted told us about the book and I came home and ordered it. And ... when I went into "Lighthouse Lighting and Lamps", the owner reassured me by reading that morning's daily devotional from his little hand book, and he said he would pray for me.

I know that God is always watching over us. His power is great and his LOVE is eternal.

I had surgery in August 2021, a month of radiation treatment in September and now with grateful thanks to God's for his great plan, I am cancer free.

*The Lord is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in Him,
and He helps me. Psalm 28:7*

By Marilyn Kodani

In all our work and prayer, the longing for God's kingdom should be in our hearts and on our lips as we pray, "They kingdom come."

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, Tom Gunter, Rick Hattori, Nancy Hollingsworth, Nancy Ichiuji, Wendy Ichiuji, 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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Guest Speakers for Worship Service



Franklin Graham, President of Samaritan's Purse

Rev. Troy Gardner, Samaritan's Purse, was our guest speaker on August 28, 2022.

First and foremost, Samaritan's Purse is an evangelistic Christian organization whose service follows the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

For more than 50 years Samaritan's Purse has reached out to meet the needs of those in crisis areas through existing evangelical mission agencies and national churches. Franklin Graham, son of Billy

Graham, has led the organization as its President through earthquakes, hurricanes, floods, wars, famine, and more following the example of The Good Samaritan.



Our speaker, Rev. Troy Gardner, served for 28 years as a pastor. He told the parable of The Good Samaritan, Luke 10: 25 – 37, as the example of what drives and guides the work of Samaritan's Purse. Do for others what you would have them do for you and put aside our differences to help those who are in need of help.

Samaritan's Purse goes out and serves people stricken by floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, wars, and medical disasters. They provide food, water, clothes, sleeping bags, blankets, medical supplies and other items. They equip their sites with services, buildings and shelter, equipment and personnel where it is most needed. And they share the good news of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace. They are the first relief services at a site and the last to leave. Currently they are serving those of need in Kentucky and Missouri with flood relief and with emergency aid for the people of Ukraine. Samaritan's Purse also offers hope to those they serve as they share the good news of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.



If you would like to give a “goodwill offering” to Samaritan's Purse to support their world wide mission, you may write a check to

Samaritan's Purse

P O Box 3000

Boone, North Carolina 28607

PASTOR LISA PATTERSON

guest speaker on Sunday, Sept 4, 2022



On Sunday, September 4 our church was graced with the testimony of Pastor Lisa Patterson. Lisa lives in Pomona, California. She is the Children's Pastor of Elementary Kids and Recovery Ministries at Purpose Church, Pomona. She is married to Gary Paterson. Together they have raised 7 boys. Their path was not an easy one and they learned to put their faith and trust in Jesus and he will lead the way.

Lisa has known addiction to alcohol, drugs, and diet pills. She lived an early life of mistakes, dysfunctional relationships, and abuse. Her life suddenly crashed to an abysmal low in 1996. She prayed and begged for God's forgiveness. After a year of solid rehab and missing her children, she began to turn her life around, as she put her life in the Lord's hands. In 1997 she completed a program that led to graduating from college and a degree in computer programming in the medical industry.

Lisa met Gary Patterson, the father of 2 boys. Gary was in the "Promise Keepers" program. Lisa and Gary are passionate about bringing the story of Jesus and the hope of recovery to those whose lives have been shattered by addiction. Lisa said, "God uses our mistakes to make us better people."

Lisa adores her husband Gary and considers her marriage to be one of God's greatest blessings! She enjoys being outdoors and loves spending

time on vacations with her family. She especially loves being called Grammy by 8 precious grandchildren! She is a published author and speaker and loves telling stories of how Jesus has radically transformed her life! She considers each day an adventure that is worth taking.



PS: Lisa is also the proud mom and mother in law of Shawn and Karissa Tressa and the loving grandmother of Clayton and Maddy !!!

HIKING FELLOWSHIP



The Hiking Fellowship will meet on Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 A.M. at the Kiosk of Point Lobos State Reserve. We will walk out to "Kodani Village", Whaler's Cabin, and have a "Bring Your Own" lunch/snacks. Pastor Ted will go to the park early and get a parking space at the Whaler's Cove parking lot if you need a ride back. Please note the time change. Because of the large number of visitors we will meet earlier than usual at **9:00 A.M.** Hope to see you then. Please RSVP so we won't leave without you!

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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob for being recognized with 3 awards for his painting, “Night Is Coming” , in the National Watercolor Society International Show. It was a total surprise for Bob! The show is the 2022 National Watercolor Society’s 102nd International Open Exhibition. It will open on Sept 1, 2022 and run through Nov 6, 2022. It will be at the National Watercolor Society’s gallery at 915 South Pacific Avenue, San Pedro, California. The awards ceremony is on October 15, 2:00 – 5:00 pm. When the show opens you can view the paintings online.



Night Is Coming. Bob



Several of our ART participants showed their paintings in the the Monterey County Fair this year. Mark Ambers, KC Cullen, Mike Kelly, Irene Patton, Suzette Sayles and Tomi Tanaka entered their works of art. Altogether they were recognized 13 awards.

Custom House Adobe East.
Mark



PG Beach House.
Mark



Palo Corona Oak. Mark



Cannery Row Rainy Day. Mark



The Painter. KC

Honey Crisps on Blue Tile. KC



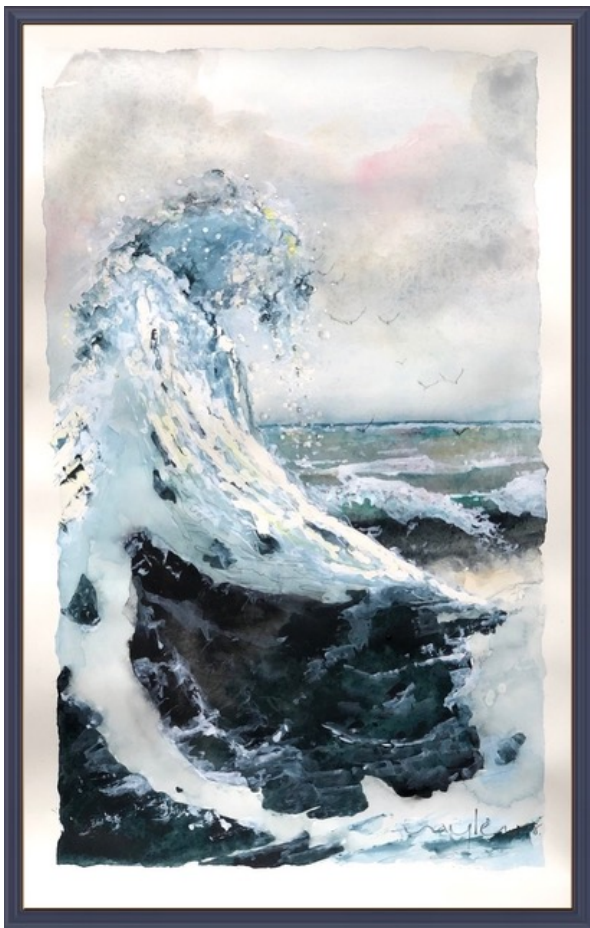


Country Cottage.
Mike



Purple Callas. Irene

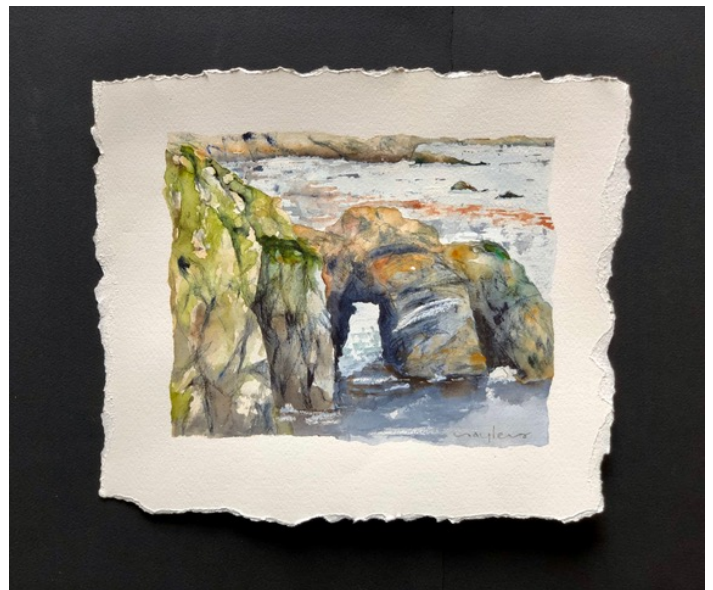
Where's My Glasses? Suzette



Sneaker Wave. Suzette



Sis Portrait. Suzette



Point Lobos Arch. Suzette



Point Lobos. Tomi

OCTOBER 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month						1 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
2 10:30 am Worship Service Communion	3	4	5 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	6 1:00 pm Deacons' Mtg. 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	7	8 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
9 10:30 am Worship Service Session Mtg	10	11	12 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	13 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	14 Echoes Articles Due	15 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
16 10:30 am Worship Service	17	18	19 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM	20 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	21	22 9:30 am Art and Hiking Fellowship
23 10:30 am Worship Service	24	25	26 10:30 am Bible Study on ZOOM 7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg.	27 7:00 pm Q & A on Christianity and the Bible on ZOOM	28	29 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
30 10:30 am Worship Service	31					



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 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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You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Isaiah 62:3

