

**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.

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Pastor Joe's Message



## "The Theory of Evolution in Conflict with Science"

I've been discussing the story of God's creation from Genesis in the Old Testament during **Wednesday morning devotions** for the past two weeks, and now I'd like to touch on the topic of evolution.

Some people get very upset and call others ignorant of science if they show even a hint of skepticism or criticism towards evolution. However, science is a tool meant to explain natural laws through observation and experimentation. The principles discovered through this process are called theories.

Whether a theory is true depends on if it can explain all natural phenomena. If it can't, the theory must be revised and improved. For example, theories like Newton's law of gravity and Einstein's principles of relativity have been proven true through this process.

Evolution, however, remains a theory because it does not yet explain all phenomena or contradictions that arise. For instance, microevolution, like wolves turning into different breeds of dogs, is a fact—it's been observed and scientifically verified. But macroevolution, the idea that one species can completely turn into another, remains a theory. We don't observe or experimentally confirm this in nature—dogs don't turn into cats or elephants.

Darwin's theory of evolution suggests that small evolutionary changes applied over time can lead to one species turning into another. It proposes that lower animals gradually evolved into higher animals, like amoebas turning into fish, fish into frogs, frogs into vertebrates, and

monkeys into humans. However, this theory conflicts with known natural laws, like the Second Law of Thermodynamics, which states that things in nature don't evolve into higher states of order; they decay. Evolutionists argue that there are forces driving evolution that overcome this principle.

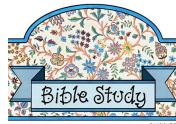
Yet, these forces do not naturally exist in the physical world without an origin. I believe this origin is God. God created life, and what we observe as microevolution is simply a part of how current life forms adapt and exist, which is the most rational explanation for the origin and formation of life.

God bless you!  
With warm regards,

Pastor Joe

## COME AND JOIN A BIBLE STUDY

*Magnify \* Maturity \* Membership \* Ministry \* Mission*



Please join us.

Let's learn together.

**Morning Prayer:** Tuesday thru Saturday mornings from 6:30 to 9:00 am. (Saturday's time may be flexible). Come when you can and leave when you need. It is in the sanctuary at church. A quiet time to pray individually. Ring the doorbell and someone will come down and open the front door. It may look dark, but we are there. So please come into the sanctuary. You may also let Pastor Joe know of your prayer requests as Pastor Joe and June will be praying for our church family and friends.

You may complete the Prayer Request Card and send it to Pastor Joe. His email address is [joerock3712@gmail.com](mailto:joerock3712@gmail.com). Pastor Joe's cell phone number is (858) 735 – 4461.

**Wednesday Morning Devotional:** Tuesday thru Friday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30 am. Come to church for on-site devotional or join in on ZOOM. Pastor Joe is leading a study of Genesis. Please watch for your ZOOM invitation or leave a message with [elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com) to be on the mailing list.

**Thursday Evening Q&A:** Every Thursday evening, 7:00 pm. [We have started a new study, "How To Really Know The Will of God."](#) Dr. Wayne Shen leads our studies. If you would like to join the Bible Study, you may leave a message with [elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com). Please join us and we can study and learn together.



## Joys and Concerns



Don and Dori Chin, Hee-Dae (June's father), Bill Esaki, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Joyce Gota, Tom and Lynn Gunter, Sung-Hee (Pastor Joe's sister-in-law), Hiro Manaka, Helen Nakano, Bob McIntyre, Moko Nishiguchi, Joan Ouye, Pastor Joe and June Park and their family, Lyle and Meja Quock, Jean Tanaka, Tomi Tanaka, Rev. Sam Tonomura, Nami Uyeda, Hedy Yamamoto, Setsuko Yamanishi, 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 the 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 our state and local leaders as they work to keep our communities safe.

Prayers for the people living in areas of conflict.

Prayers for world peace.

While we have worship services on ZOOM, please email your prayer request to our church's email at [elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com)

## HOME VISITATIONS



Pastor Joe would like to make home visitations to meet you or to make a hospital visitation. If you would like Pastor Joe to visit you, please speak to him, email him, or call Pastor Joe. Please let him know the best day and time to plan a visit. Pastor Joe looks forward to meeting everyone.

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## ***Prayer Card Writing Instructions***

### ***1. Reflect Before Writing Your Prayer Requests***

- **Purpose of Prayer Answers:** Receiving an answer to your prayer serves a dual purpose. Firstly, it brings glory to God. Secondly, it allows the person who prayed to experience the living presence of the Lord.
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- **Specificity in Prayer:** The more specific your prayer, the more specific the answer you may receive. Vague prayers might result in uncertain answers.
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- **Tangible Prayer Requests:** Have tangible prayer requests. For example, instead of abstract requests like “Please fill me with the Holy Spirit” or “Let my faith grow,” opt for specific ones like “I want to pray 20 minutes a day 5 days a week to grow my faith. Please help me,” or “Help me find the determination and support to quit smoking this year to deepen my relationship with God.”

### ***2. Set Goals in Two Main Areas for Your Prayer Requests***

- **Spiritual Aspects:** These are prayer requests about your relationship with God. For example, “Grant me the ability and wisdom to read the New Testament in its entirety in the year 2024”, “Send a passionate believer of the Christ to our father in Japan.”
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- **Physical Aspects:** Pray for matters such as physical health, acquiring a new home, children’s education, marriage, promotion, business expansion, or financial stability.

### ***3. Share Your Answered Prayers***

After you receive an answer to your prayers, please inform the pastor who interceded for you. Share your testimony. Testifying about what Jesus has done is a way to glorify God.

### ***4. Please Mark Your Preference:***

For Pastor Joe’s Eyes only (      ),      OK to Share with the Congregation (      )

***El Estero Presbyterian Church***  
**2024 Prayer Request Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address & Phone Number:

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**1. Family Information (Please write names!)**

**2. Spiritual Prayer Requests for Yourself and Your Family**

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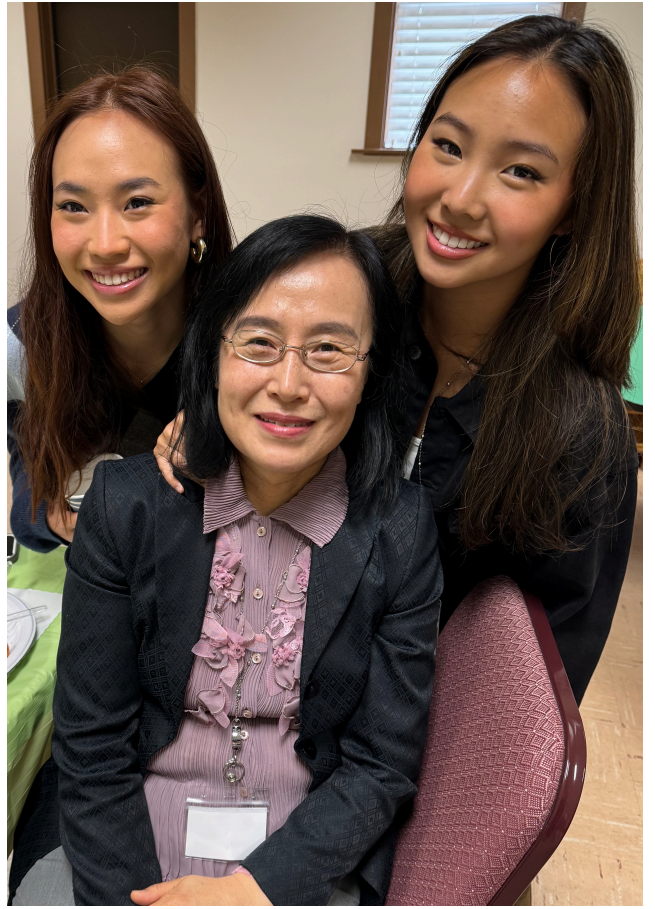
**3. Physical Prayer Requests for Yourself and Your Family**

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# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Grateful thanks to Richard and his crew of Mike, Bob, and Tom for a delicious Mother's Day breakfast!  
A wonderful way to celebrate our mothers, grandmas, aunts, and all who are near and dear to us.







## RUMMAGE SALE

Get ready for a grand rummage sale at El Estero Church,  
in the parking area, on Saturday, October 5.

Start looking through your closets for salable items (no clothes or shoes  
please). Collect items at home and  
watch for more information to come in The Echoes.

## UKULELE PRACTICE



Invite a friend as all are welcome to join us.  
Ukulele, guitar, mandolin, banjo, drums ....

Ukulele Practice is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month after worship service in the  
Fellowship Hall . New participants are always welcome!

The **Hiking Fellowship** group will be meeting in June. Richard and Natsuko  
will lead the walk. A site will be determined and will be posted in the June  
Echoes and announced at worship service.

See you in June for a fresh morning hike on our beautiful  
Monterey Peninsula.







Mark your calendar for our  
**FATHER'S DAY INDOOR PICNIC**

Indoors at El Estero Church

Sunday, June 16

Bring a salad or a side dish

and we will announce more during worship service at church.

It will be a day to celebrate, so bring your dad, grandpas, uncles, and "best buds". Everyone is welcome!!!

Open  
ART  
Studio

Join us for an art class. We meet on Saturdays at 10:00 am on ZOOM. Our class is sponsored by the El Estero Church. Please send an email to [elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our Open Art Studio and we will send you a ZOOM invitation. All are welcome to join us.



Happy Flowers.  
Jan





Loose Flowers. Michelle



Pansies.  
Michelle



Flowers in April.  
Michelle



Sweet Peas. Nancy



Lilacs. Nancy



Loose Flowers #3. Suzanne

Loose Flowers  
#1.  
Suzanne

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Wild Flowers on the Desert. Suzanne



Spring on the Central Coast. Suzette



Shady Spring Road. Nancy



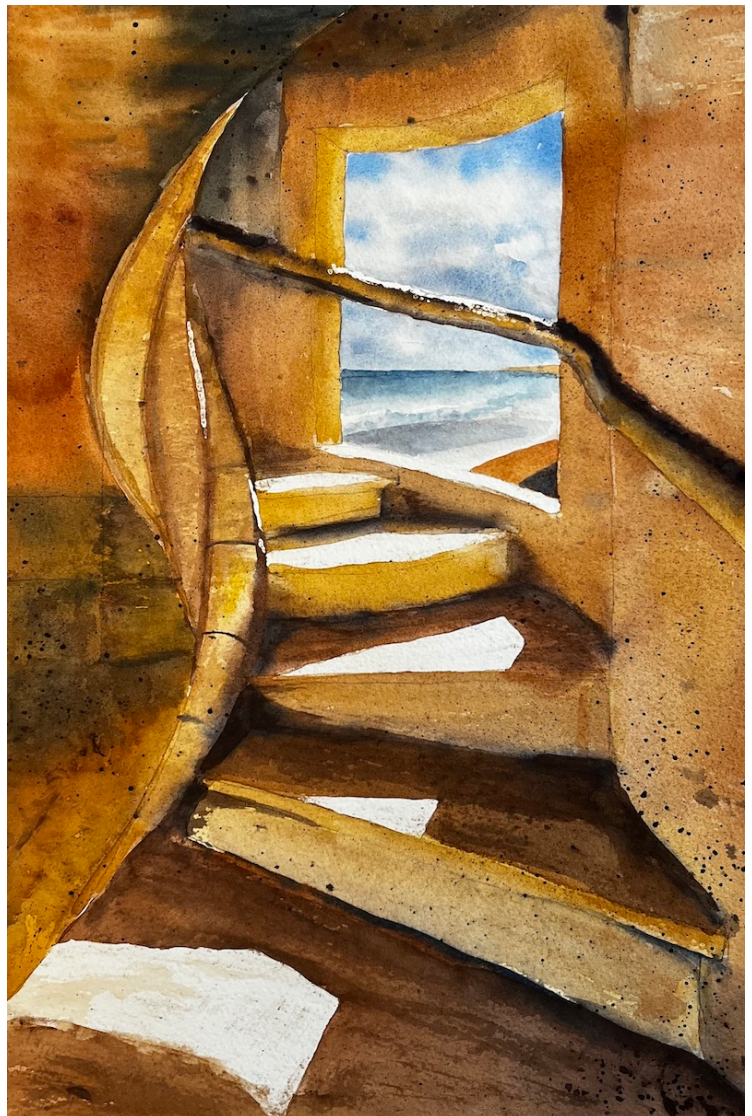
Knitting.  
Nancy



Little Bun. Lynn



Mission Ranch. KC



Tower View. KC

# June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Service in church and on ZOOM starts at 10:30 am. Communion will be celebrated every Sunday.						<b>1</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM and onsite at EEPCC
<b>2</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour  Ukulele Practice	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg	<b>5</b> 9:00 am Morning Devotional Onsite and ZOOM	<b>6</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
<b>9</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  7:00 pm Finance Mtg	<b>12</b> 9:00 am Morning Devotional Onsite and ZOOM	<b>13</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
<b>16</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  <b>Father's Day</b> Indoor Picnic	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  7:00 pm Outreach Mtg	<b>19</b> 9:00 am Morning Devotional Onsite and ZOOM	<b>20</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>21</b> <b>Echoes</b> Articles Due	<b>22</b> Hiking Fellowship
<b>23</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  4:00 pm Session Mtg	<b>26</b> 9:00 am Morning Devotional Onsite and ZOOM	<b>27</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Lunch	<p style="text-align: center;">                             El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, Please email the church at <a href="mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com">elesteropc@gmail.com</a> to request an email invitation to ZOOM worship service.                               To access the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website <a href="http://elesteropc.org">elesteropc.org</a> and click on Message                         </p>					



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*In the beginning God created  
the heavens and the earth.*

*Genesis 1:1*