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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

## Unchanging Truth in a Rapidly Changing World



Morgan Housel shares an insightful story in his book

"Same as Ever: A Guide To What Never Changes".

“Jim asked Warren, 'It looks pretty gloomy. Do you think the economy will recover?' Warren replied with a question, 'Jim, do you know what the best-selling chocolate bar was in 1962?' 'I have no idea.' 'It was Snickers. And what do you think is the best-selling chocolate bar now?' 'I don't know.' 'It's still Snickers.'

And with that, the conversation ended in silence. What I want to convey through this book is a tale about the constants in a world that's always changing.”

We are currently living in the era of the fourth industrial revolution, characterized by artificial intelligence. This era's hallmark is its 'rapid change,' unpredictable to an extent. While the first three industrial revolutions unfolded

over a century each, the fourth came about just 30 years after the third, plunging modern humanity into the swift currents of existential flux. In this context, Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, advised focusing not on what will change in the next ten years but on what will remain the same.

Understanding the essence, the unchanging core, is crucial, and strategizing based on this understanding is a key to business success in these swiftly changing times. Warren Buffett, the investment guru, underscored this by pointing to Snickers, the perennially best-selling chocolate bar, as evidence of the enduring nature of certain things.

Thus, even the wise ones among us recognize the importance of holding onto the constants in a rapidly shifting world.

Everything changes, but one thing remains unchanged: God's Word, the Bible.

*"Truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished."  
(Matthew 5:18)*

In these fast-changing times, Christians and the church, holding onto the unchanging truth of the resurrected Jesus, have a critical role. It's not just about proclaiming that Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose again, is alive today but also about demonstrating this truth. This is why it's vital for us, who have believed in Christ earlier than others, to share and show the living Christ in this era.

# 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.

**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, Bill Esaki, Pastor Ted and Sherry Esaki, Joyce Gota, Tom and Lynn Gunter, 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)

## ***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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## 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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## EASTER 2024



# Easter Lunch in our Fellowship Hall

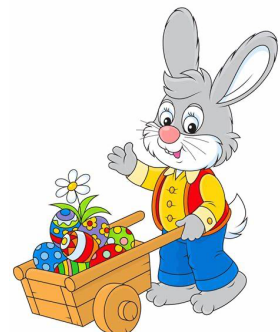








Thank You to Pastor Joe, June, Joy and Faith for the delicious Easter lunch!



## 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 on Saturday, April 27. Richard and Natsuko will lead the walk. We will meet at **9:30** am at Lover's Point in Pacific Grove. We will walk out towards the Aquarium and then back to Lover's Point. We might stop for coffee along the way. Please let Richard know if you are planning on joining the hike so that we won't leave without you.

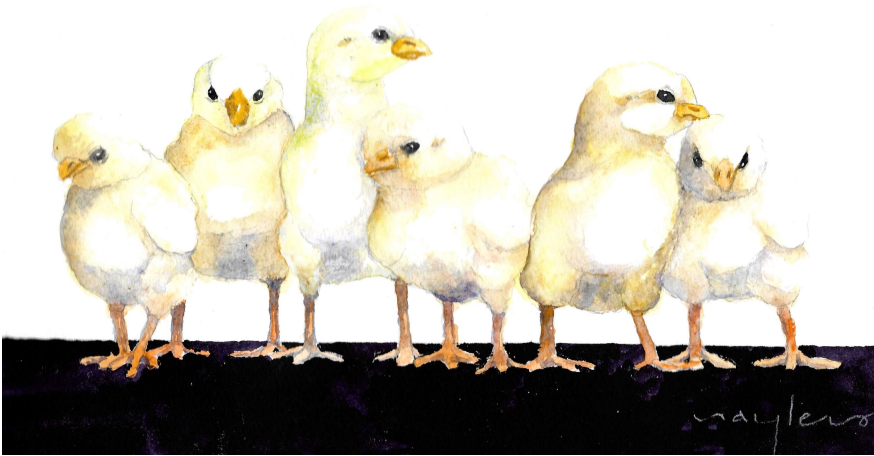
You may call or contact Richard through the church email:  
[elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com)

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

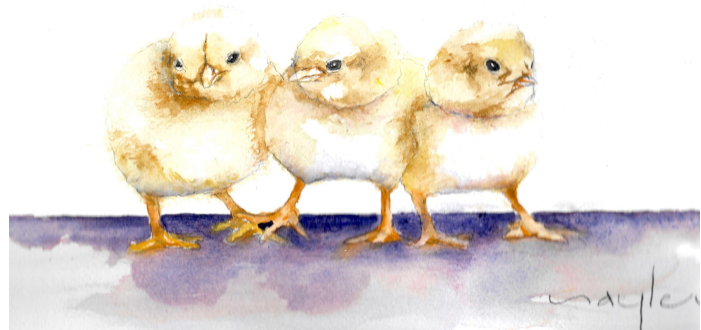


# Open ART Studio

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.



Paintings by Suzette





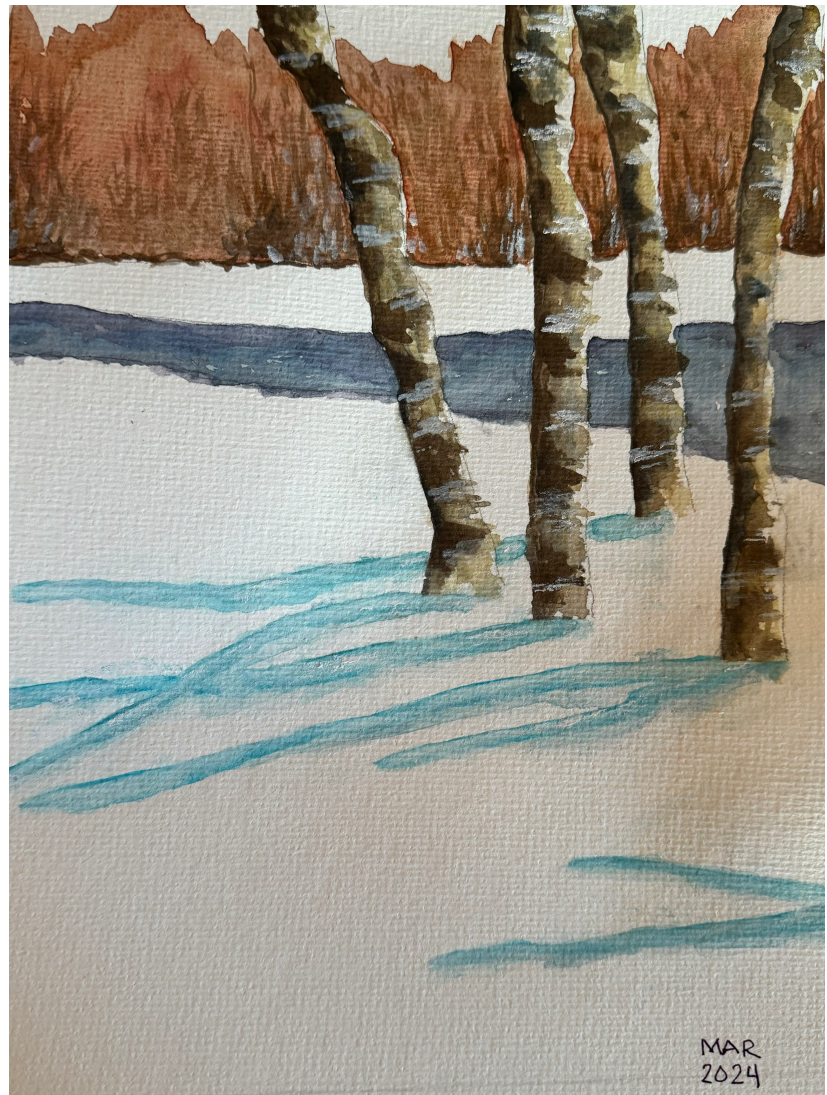
One Wild Hare. Suzanne



Look Out Mouse! Suzanne



Jack Rabbit. Suzanne



Along The River. Mar

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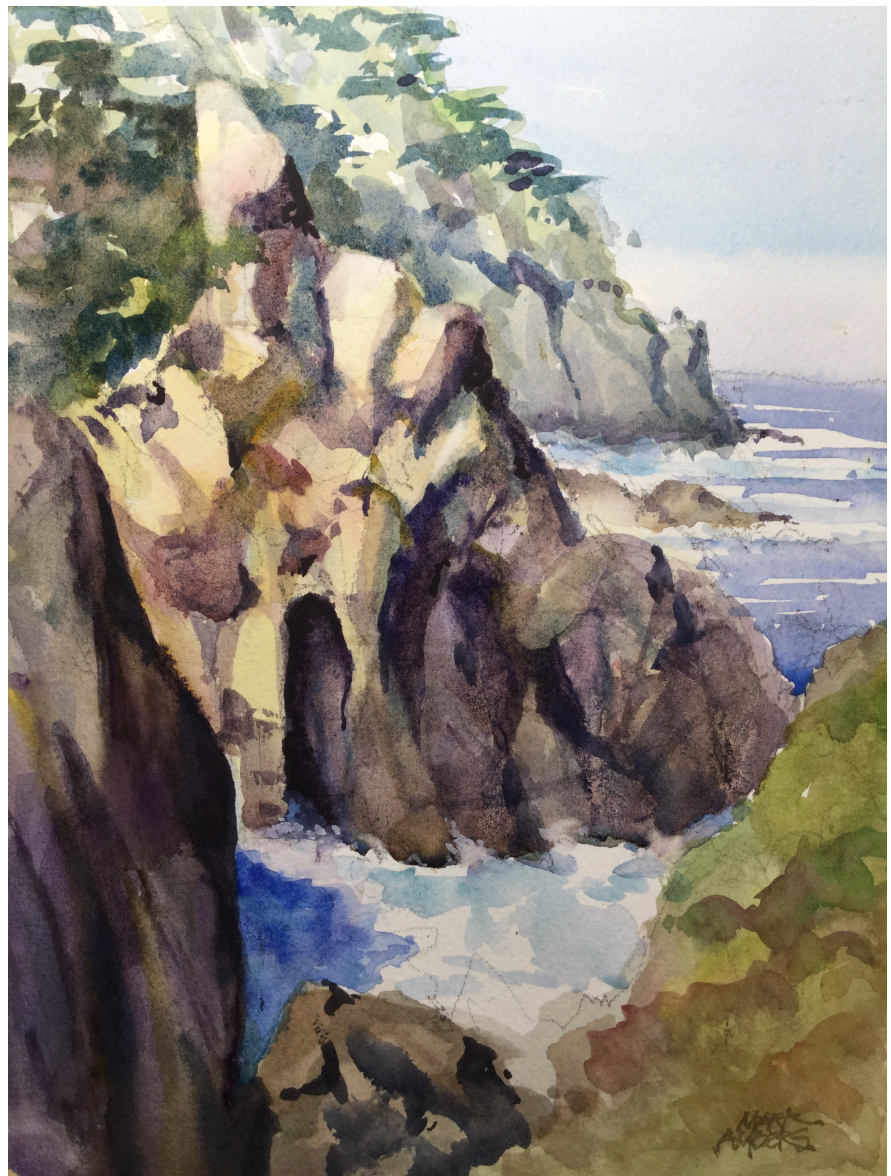
Walking To Class. Mar



Central Park. Mar



A Day At The Boatworks. Mark



Pt. Lobos. Mark



Bunny Boy. Mary Jo



Blair's Peter Rabbit. Nancy



Azelea for Mom. Mark



Cabin at Whaler's Cove, Point Lobos. Mark



La Giralda Building. Mark



May 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>	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM and onsite at EEPC
<b>5</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour  Ukulele Practice	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  7:00 pm Spiritual Growth Mtg	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
<b>12</b> <b>Mother's Day Breakfast</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  7:00 pm Finance Mtg	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>17</b> <b>Echoes</b> Articles Due	<b>18</b> 10:00 am ART on ZOOM
<b>19</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>  7:00 pm Outreach Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Hiking Fellowship
<b>26</b> 10:30 am Worship Service  Communion  Coffee Hour/Lunch	<b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>28</b>  5:00 pm Session Mtg	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  7:00 pm Bible Study on Zoom	<b>31</b>	

El Estero Church's ZOOM worship service on Sundays, 10:30 am, Please email the church at [elesteropc@gmail.com](mailto:elesteropc@gmail.com) to request an email invitation to ZOOM worship service. To access the "Sermon Outline" and the "Worship Bulletin" for Sunday's worship service, go to our website [elesteropc.org](http://elesteropc.org) and click on Message



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*Let your heart therefore be loyal  
to the LORD our God,  
to walk in His statutes and keep His Commandments,  
as at this day.*

*1 Kings 8:61*