

# **Los Altos**

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## **United Church of Christ**

### *Windows*

*the monthly newsletter of Los Altos United Church of Christ*

April 2022

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#### **Highlighted In this issue...**

- Greetings
- Holy Week
- One Great Hour of Sharing!
- Lenten Book Study
- Worship **NOTE: A NEW LIVESTREAM LINK!**

**Sunday Morning Worship IN-PERSON AND LIVESTREAM ON  
FACEBOOK at <https://www.facebook.com/LAUCCMEDIA>**

**(You do not have to be a Facebook subscriber!)**

- Reports
- New member class?
- Need a Ride?



Greetings Los Altos Friends,

As I reflect my own knots - I mentioned feeling unable to act in the midst of all that is going on around us. What I can do, is I can listen to stories, and histories and experiences to help broaden my understanding of the world and how we are where we are. To start untying this knot, I am putting together a reading list on topics ranging from world histories, to histories of this land - both pre- and post European colonization, to the stories and experiences of the LGBTQIA+ community and our families.

It seems a little ambitious perhaps and I recognize that getting to everything on the reading list will take time, but at least this gives me somewhere to begin untying this knot in order to help understanding move to informed, faithful action.

As I reflect on my knot about environmental impact - I'm researching compost bins in order that I might start intentionally thinking about what I throw away, how I can reduce waste or intentionally choose ways to make something enriching and meaningful out of food scraps.

I've invited you to revisit those knots that you tied last week - are there any that you have untied or are starting to? What was that experience like? What steps did you take to undo some of those knots? What have you learned about yourself, the world, and your relationship with God?

Peace,

Pastor Kyle



**April 10** - Palm Sunday we invite you to bring palms from your trees, or bring some to share and we will process into the sanctuary.

**April 14** - Maundy Thursday @ 7pm. We will meet in-person and online.

**April 17** - Easter Sunday @ 6:10am at Belmont Shore Beach for a brief sunrise service and at 10am at Los Altos UCC.

## One Great Hour of Sharing!



Would you like to put your love for others into actions? Putting love into actions is a call to us to help our neighbors, near and far, as we have the ability. The Apostle Paul reminds us, just as he did the Corinthians so long ago, that the greatest expression of our connection to others is the way we love them. Your generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing – United Church of Christ enables our church and our worldwide partners to make a difference in the lives and communities around the world. Together, we are responding to disasters, supporting sustainable farming, education, and health initiatives, as well as pitching in to assist people fleeing violence from their home communities. We receive this offering with joy, believing that, with everything else going on in the world, that love remains.

For the next 2 Sundays - March 27 & April 3, we'll be collecting for this special offering.

You can help by making a check out to Los Altos UCC and putting in the memo line: "One Great Hour of Sharing" to ensure that your gifts will go to support global AND local communities!

OR!

When you give online through <https://losaltosucc.org/give/> - click the "Donate" button, select your gift, "other" as the category and add the message, "One Great Hour of Sharing" to ensure your special offering goes to this incredible ministry.

If you have any questions, please call the office, 562-596-6718

Thank you for your support!

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**Join us April 3, 2022**  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP In Person and Livestream!**

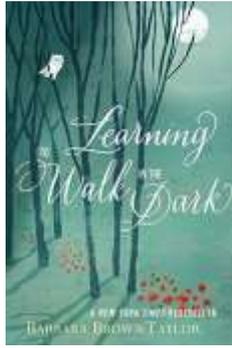
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[CLICK HERE FOR THE APRIL 3rd ORDER OF WORSHIP](#) (Print or view on your device)

**In person Fellowship time will follow Worship in the Courtyard.**



“Learning to Walk in the Dark” by Barbara Brown Taylor  
You can order a copy online, there are plenty of used book websites.

**March 9 - April 13**

Wednesdays at 10am in-person in Patterson Hall at the church

-OR-

Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86871299609?pwd=KzhDZFd3MUJITVVuRjZKQlVWWEgxQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 7129 9609

Passcode: 634849

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If you have any questions, please email Pastor Kyle [pastor.los.altos@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.los.altos@gmail.com) or call me at 562-596-6718

### **Questions about Facebook and Commenting during the worship**

A couple of questions have come up with some difficulties accessing or viewing the livestream on Facebook. I believe I have resolved that issue and please let me know if these issues continue beyond this coming Sunday.

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### **SUPPORT LAUCC through Amazon Smile!**



#### **Unique AmazonSmile link**

Always share your unique link in your email, social media and on your website. When customers sign up for AmazonSmile, they're asked to select one of over a million charities to support. When customers click on your unique link, they skip this charity selection process. Instead, they're taken to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and are automatically asked if they want to support Los Altos United Church of Christ.

The unique LAUCC charity link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/95-6004382>



## RECYCLING

A reminder that we are still recycling clear plastic and aluminum cans. Bag them up and leave them by the gate at church or give Mark Allen a call . Unfortunately we cannot accept glass.

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## How can you help?

### FELLOWSHIP TIME

Each Sunday we have some fellowship time in the Courtyard following worship. If you would like to help by providing some treats and goodies for a Sunday in the future, please sign up in the hallway outside Patterson, or email the church office - [office@losaltosucc.org](mailto:office@losaltosucc.org)

### Looking for Lay Readers!

Would you like to be a part of a Sunday online service? We're looking for individuals, couples, and families to serve as liturgists and greeters/ushers. If you would like to participate in Sunday Worship sign up in the hallway outside Patterson Hall, or please contact Judy Ekmalian, [jlekmalian@gmail.com](mailto:jlekmalian@gmail.com) and let her know.

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## GIVING...

Thank you for your giving, which supports our ministries, including both our in-person and online worship. We certainly encourage you to give generously as you are able, by leaving your donation in the offering plate at the rear of the Sanctuary. You may also donate by mail, or you can use the QR CODE below **or** go to our church website [losaltosucc.org](http://losaltosucc.org) click on the tab **DONATE**, and use your credit or debit card with a one-time or recurring gift. As an alternative you may also click the following link: <https://losaltosucc.org/ways-to-give/>

Take now a moment and reflect upon ways in which you can offer gifts and be filled with gratitude.





LAUCC regular office hours with Cindy on Monday through Friday, 9:00 - 2:00. **WE DO ASK THAT YOU WEAR A MASK INDOORS!** Kyle will be in the office on Monday - Thursday. Please contact us at any time at [office@losaltosucc.com](mailto:office@losaltosucc.com) or [pastor.los.altos@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.los.altos@gmail.com).

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### LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

Did you know LAUCC has a Facebook page? Please check it out and Like us on Facebook. It is a great way to keep up with what is going on in the life of the church. <https://www.facebook.com/losaltosucc>

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### Care and Nurture - A place and time for all

By TonieLynn Palermo

Spring has arrived and with it brings beauty, joy and rebirth. Flowers are in full bloom and our days become longer. We also celebrate Easter and the lenten season.

Lenten practice is the time of year that Christians find themselves repenting, recleansing, reflecting and deepening relationships with God and one's own faith. This is also a time for self care, maybe more time spent within our communities, or possibly abstaining from pleasures we normally enjoy in life.

However you have decided to practice your faith, take a moment to look at what spring offers as your guide. It is a season which brings rebirth, rejuvenation and freshness. Let's enjoy this time with a renewed spirit, mind, body and soul to embrace where we are. Put yesterday behind and move forward to the present. Make each day the best day ever.

Peace Out!  
Tonie

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Hi LAUCC,

We are starting the month with Parent-Teacher conferences and Open House events. Teachers will be meeting with their students' parents to discuss their progress and assessment; we pretty much tell parents how wonderful their child is and that's the truth!

We are offering Open House events from April 5-7 and inviting currently attending families as well as enrolled families starting in the fall. Each class will have their own Open House night to have less people on campus at one time. The event will give families an opportunity to visit the classrooms in a safe way since they have not been able to enter while in session. We are looking forward to welcoming families to see our classrooms and the children's work.

We are doing well in enrollment for the next school year. Our 5-day program is full; we have 5 more spots available in our 3-day program and only 1 spot left in our 2-day program. Hopefully we won't have too much fluctuation before classes start in September.

After an eventful start, we will go on a well deserved spring break starting Friday, April 15. Happy Easter from Discovery Preschool!

Kindly,  
*Roxy Menendez*

Director  
Discovery Preschool at LAUCC  
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*When we play, we learn.*



### **CELEBRATIONS**

*For the Blessings in our lives...*

**BIRTHDAYS:** 4/05 - Alice S.

**Gratitude** for all health care workers during this time of pandemic.

*(If you have a birthday or an anniversary that we haven't celebrated, please email the office with your dates.)*

## **CONCERNS**

*And now those people and places that weigh heavy on our hearts... I invite you to say a name or place that is important to you, and know in saying it we hold it with you...*

**Prayers** for those who are still catching COVID...

**Prayers** for the **people of Ukraine**, for peaceful solutions and for peace worldwide.

**Prayers** for **Kenny S.**, as he is now receiving hospice care.

Kathe L. asks for prayers for **Jim M.** who had heart surgery and is having complications.

Kathe L. asks for prayers for **Kim M.** Kim had surgery for her endometriosis and is recovering, she still has a long road ahead.

**Continued Prayers** for Wendy P.'s mom, **Sheila H.** as she recovers from her fall.

**Prayers** for **Sally L.** who recently found out she has several blood clots in her lungs.

**Prayers** for Valerie's friend **Beth C.** who was diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Prayers** for **Kate C.'s brother Mick** who is back home.

**Prayers** for **Cathie M.** (former Discovery Preschool aide), **her husband Laddie and family.** Laddie has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Prayers** for **Hazel D.'s** cousin **Robin**; he is diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.

**Prayers** for Hazel's grandson **Spencer.**

**Prayers** for Kate and Jackie's friend, **Melanie** who is recovering from surgery.

**Prayer** for **Kristen W.**, diagnosed with colon and liver cancer, undergoing chemo treatments.

**Prayers** for **Brenda K.** who continues to struggle with cancer.

**Jackie P.'s** friend **Dave** asks for prayers for his wife **Rosie**, suffering from dementia.

**Judi M's** continued recovery, and for **Michael** who looks after her.

**Continue to pray** for our homebound members: **Clark P., Vi D., Darryl S.**



- 1 Jane S.
- 1 Heather S.
- 2 Shawn S.
- 5 Alice S.
- 12 Mark H.
- 16 Jackie C.
- 22 Sarah A.
- 26 David J.
- 30 Tyler D.



28 Bill and Arlene K.

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## **LINKS TO RESOURCES**

### **SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE UCC**

<https://www.scncucc.org/>

**Keep up with the latest OFFICIAL SOURCES for news on the current Coronavirus pandemic:**

**Official California Covid-19 Response Site:** <https://covid19.ca.gov/>

**Centers for Disease Control:** <https://www.cdc.gov/>

**World Health Organization:** <https://www.who.int/>

### **RESOURCES for ANTI-RACISM**

<https://www.scncucc.org/responding-to-racism>

<https://www.pbs.org/weta/reconstruction/>