

Prayer Concerns

IN SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD: Please pray for those who are hungry, displaced, sick, or in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

PRAYERS: Dave Ahn

MEN & WOMEN IN UNIFORM AROUND THE WORLD:

Rachel Z. E. Sheridan (USAF), James Dobson (USAF), Devin Kenny-Hernandez (USA), Phillip Lyman (USA), John Principe (USA), JP Springsteel, Jared Vallner (USA)

LAUMC Financial Summary	
<i>All Figures through Week 21 of the Fiscal Year</i>	
Actual (2023-24) Operating Contributions:	\$722,925
Actual (2022-23) Operating Contributions:	\$761,525
Budget (2023-24) Operating Contributions:	\$801,199

To view an extended Prayer Concerns list, or to request prayers, please visit laumc.org/prayers.



LAUMC is a Care Ministry Congregation with trained, supportive, and loving people who are available to provide you with confidential, caring support in times of special need. If you need care, call the pastoral care line (650-823-2653).



The Jesus Story is Better Than That

We are a Changemaker church, committed to following Jesus' example of having compassion for all people, and celebrating God's gift of diversity. We strive to create a church home where people of every gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, immigration and socioeconomic status can unite in the mission of God's love.

All are welcome here!

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Los Altos United Methodist Church

655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024

www.laumc.org

Morning Worship

Prelude - *At the Name of Jesus* Douglas E. Wagner (b.1952)
(10am) + *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* James Michael Stevens (b.1961)
Eric Holderman, organist

Welcome Pastor Dave Samelson

Introit - *Love Knows No End* Hillsong
Carol Damonte, Dirk Damonte, Dylan Damonte

Call to Worship Pastor Dave Samelson

Hymn - *How Can We Name a Love* UMH 111

Children's Time - (10am) Sharon McClintock

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer Pastor Jeong Park

Offering Pastor Dave Samelson

Offertory - *Reflection on "King's Weston"* David Lasky (b.1957)
Eric Holderman, organist

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication - (10am)

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-24
Carol Damonte (8:30am), John Yen (10am)

Anthem - *I Could Sing of Your Love Forever* Smith
Carol Damonte, Dirk Damonte, Dylan Damonte

Message - *The Jesus Story is Better Than That* Pastor Dave Samelson

Hymn - *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Advent Generosity

Announcements Pastor Dave Samelson

Sending Forth Pastor Dave Samelson

Song of Blessing - *If You Say Go*

Postlude - *Festive Prelude on "Crown Him With Many Crowns"*
Felix Bräuer (b.1988)
Eric Holderman, organist

Get Connected

MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Thurs, Nov. 30-Dec.21 - SIGN UP TODAY!
Come have dinner at 5:30 pm and then celebrate the wonderful music of Advent and Christmas at 6:30 pm! We will learn about the history of some of our favorite carols and songs, learn some new ones, and immerse ourselves in the joy and wonder of this beautiful season, all through its music through the ages. Register at LAUMC.org/Advent-Christmas-Music.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Orders Due by November 30

It is a long tradition of this church to fill the sanctuary at Christmas with flowers that provide beauty and call to mind the presence of those we love, honor, and remember. Order envelopes are on the Connection Desk, or you can order at LAUMC.org/News. The flowers are \$15.

ANGEL TREE 2023: Important dates - Nov. 26, Dec. 3, Dec. 17

On November 26 and December 3, our Angel Tree will display gift requests for 35 children whose mothers or fathers are in prison. Let's help these children unwrap joy that reminds them they are valued and loved. Visit LAUMC.org/News for info.

LAUMC HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Longest Night Service: Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm. Christmas Eve: Sunday, December 24, at 10:00 am (only morning worship), 3:30 pm, 7:00 pm, and 9:00 pm. Visit LAUMC.org/News for a complete schedule and more info.

DAILY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS

The Changemaker Initiative invites you to spend this sacred time reflecting on Jesus, our model changemaker. Enjoy a daily email devotional - written by changemakers from LAUMC and other parts of the country. To sign up, visit LAUMC.org/News.

CHRISTMAS AT THE PARSONAGE: Friday, December 1 or 15, 6:30 - 7:45 pm
Families with children are invited to wear pajamas or holiday attire and join us for a special evening! Enjoy the Christmas Story with Mrs. Claus, games, treats, and Christmas carols. Sign up: LAUMC.org/Children.

GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 5, 2:00 pm

Join us for the movie "Elf" (2003) in the Live Oak Room. LAUMC.org/gen2gen.

STORY HOUR with MS. SHARON - Winter tales: Sat, December 9, 9:30 am
Join Ms. Sharon for kind-hearted stories and music all about the joys of Winter. For young children and their families. Meets in the Children's Center Preschool. LAUMC.org/Children for more info.

BABYTIME with MS. SHARON: Saturday, December 9, 1-2 pm

A small group for families with babies featuring play rhymes, music, and toy time. Childcare for older siblings is available. LAUMC.org/Children for more info.

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS: Saturday, December 9 at 7:00 pm

The magic and meaning of the Christmas Season come alive with New Covenant Choir, Starfire Singers, Lightshine Choir, Creekside Worship Band, and our organist, Eric Holderman. Join us to bring sacred music of the season and some new music to life in this night of joy and wonder. Also, view online at live.laumc.org.