

# 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:** Donna Rosenthal, Alan Fanning

**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)

To view an extended Prayer Concerns list, or to request prayers, please visit [laumc.org/prayers](http://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).



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, December 17 2023**

10:00am

**Los Altos United Methodist Church**

655 Magdalena Ave, Los Altos CA 94024

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# Morning Worship

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<b>Prelude</b> - <i>Partita on "Psalm 42"</i>	Dr. Harold Rohlig (1926-2014) Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Introit</b> - <i>The Heavens Opened Up</i>	D. Damonte Starfire Singers and Lightshine, Carol Damonte, director
<b>Lighting the Advent Candle</b>	Diane, John, Jocelyn, and Mia Pytel
<b>Advent Song</b> - <i>Welcome Home</i>	
<b>Children's Time</b>	Sharon McClintock
<b>Pastoral Prayer &amp; Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Jeong Park
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 22:34-40
<b>Anthem</b> - <i>Little Baby Sleeping</i>	Starfire Singers and Lightshine, Carol Damonte, director
<b>Message</b> - <i>Through the Advent Door—Incarnation Pt. 1</i> <i>Christ-Centric vs. Christo-Boundric</i>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Hymn</b> - <i>People, Look East</i>	UMH 202
<b>Advent Generosity</b> - <i>Compassion Week</i>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Offering</b>	Pastor Sam Blewis
<b>Offertory</b> - <i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i>	Dr. Robert J. Powell (b.1932) Eric Holderman, organist
<b>Announcements</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Sending Forth</b>	Pastor Dave Samelson
<b>Song of Blessing</b> - <i>Star-Child</i>	
<b>Postlude</b> - <i>Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending</i>	Jacob B. Weber (b.1988) Eric Holderman, organist

# Get Connected

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## ADVENT GENEROSITY 2023

Every year at LAUMC, we celebrate the season of Advent in many ways, one of which is Advent Generosity. We have three wonderful beneficiaries that we will be sponsoring this year - Al Basma Center, Compassion Week 2024, and Salinas First UMC. We would love for you to partner with us as we give generously to the important work that these three organizations are doing. To donate or for more info, visit [LAUMC.org/Advent-Generosity-2023](https://www.laumc.org/Advent-Generosity-2023).

## CHARGE CONFERENCE & CHURCH COUNCIL: Today at 12:30 pm

Both meetings will be via Zoom and are open to the entire congregation.

## CREEKSIDE CROSSINGS ADVENT: Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 pm

Join us for a Creekside Crossings Advent. Our theme this year is "How Does a Weary World Rejoice?" Come for inspiring music, a timely message, and a warm community during these cold nights. You may also view it online at [live.laumc.org](https://live.laumc.org).

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: Monday, December 18 at 7:00 pm

A reflective, contemplative service full of music and candlelight, especially for those to whom this season brings sadness or loss. Find solace, safety, warmth, and welcome if you are suffering in your heart during this season, feeling overwhelmed, or needing quiet reflection. [LAUMC.org/Longest-Night-2023](https://www.laumc.org/Longest-Night-2023).

## ENGAGE 2024: Coming in the New Year

What are you thinking? LAUMC leadership wants to know! We'll pose a weekly thought-provoking question to help guide LAUMC's growth in our CONNECTION, COMPASSION, and COURAGE mission so ALL may flourish. Question arrives January 7.

## MUSIC OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS: Thursdays, through Dec. 21

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](https://www.laumc.org/Advent-Christmas-Music).

## 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. New Year's Eve morning worship: Sunday, December 31 at 10:00 am. Visit [LAUMC.org/News](https://www.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 devotional email written by changemakers from LAUMC and other parts of the country. Visit [LAUMC.org/News](https://www.laumc.org/News) to sign up.

## GEN2GEN MOVIE GROUP: Tuesday, December 19, 2:00 pm

Join us for the movie "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" (1964) in the Live Oak Room. [LAUMC.org/gen2gen](https://www.laumc.org/gen2gen).