

SENDING

✝ Closing Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

#593 UMH

✝ Benediction

Postlude

From God Shall Nothing Sway Me

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Los Altos United Methodist Church



"We are called to transform the world by sharing the good news, growing in the image of Christ, worshipping joyfully and manifesting God's love towards one another and to the world."

Sharing in Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Melinda Teter Dodge

Reader: Sharon Borges

Greeters: Rich MacMahon

Pastor: Rev. Rev. Mark F. Sturgess

Organist: Derek Gordon

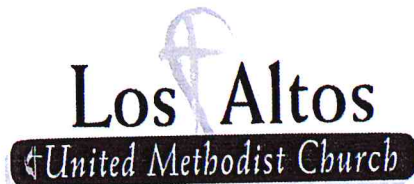
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✚ As you are able, please stand.
✚ Prayer request cards are collected.

8:30 AM

Children are Welcome!
Hearing assist devices are available from the ushers.

GATHERING

Prelude From God Shall Nothing Sway Me J.S. Bach

Greeting

✚ Call to Worship

One: All who thirst, come to the water. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ has washed over us. Drink deeply of these living waters.

All: Glory to you, O Lord, glory to you. ¹

✚ Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #139 UMH (vv. 1, 4 & 5)

✚ Opening Prayer

All: Almighty God, through the power of the cross you shattered our darkness, scattering the fears that bind us and setting us free to live as your children. Give us courage and conviction that we may joyfully turn and follow you into new faithful service, led by the light that shines through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen. ²

✚ The Peace of Christ (greeting one another)

(We invite families of all ages to remain in worship together. We have special activity bags and binders prepared for our children. Please see an usher for one.)

Our Life Together

(You are invited to fill out the yellow attendance cards and prayer requests.)

PROCLAMATION

Epistle Reading	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	NT p. 166
✚ Hymn	Would I Have Answered When You Called	#2137 FWS (vv. 1-2)
✚ Gospel Reading	Matthew 4:12-23	NT pp. 3-4
Hymn	Would I Have Answered When You Called	#2137 FWS (vs. 4)
Sermon	Would I Have Followed?	Rev. Mark F. Sturgess

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Offering Music From God Shall Nothing Sway Me J.G. Walther

✚ Doxology (song of praise) UMH #95

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

✚ Prayer of Thanksgiving

✚ We are a community of gratitude and prayer and share together in that responsibility. Joys and prayer concerns may be shared by filling out a Prayer Request card in worship; they will be collected during the hymn noted by the dove.