

Los Altos Church of Christ

*"...being of the same mind, maintaining the same love,
united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2*

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Los Altos Reopens This Sunday!

It's been 37 weeks but it feels like we've been wandering around in the desert for 40 years. It all ends this Sunday when we worship together at 11 AM. On our return we will use the same guidelines we had back in July.

- Masks will be worn at all times with the exception being the taking of communion. While many members have been vaccinated, we still have members who are at risk.
- We ask you sit in family clusters. The rows in the center section will be spread six feet apart. We ask the people who sit on the sides to be conscious of the distance they maintain between other groups.
- There will be no seating in the middle row of the side seats.
- Communion will be in a self-contained cup with both the bread and juice.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the back door entrance.
- We will not have the praise team but we will use the recordings in the background to serve as our "praise team".
- There will be no Sunday School classes for the time being.

This Sunday...Get Your Hopes Up

After Jesus' resurrection, He encountered two sad disciples on the road. They were sad because they had lost hope when the "one who was going to redeem Israel" died on the cross. During this season of life, many hopes have been dashed by the pandemic. But Easter reminds us that hope should not be buried in the past but always looking forward to the victory that lies ahead.



PRAYERS *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7*

- Pray for Tom and Christine as they go to Wisconsin to help her mother move into her new home.
- The Britton Family has returned to Uganda to say goodbyes and close things out.

Continue to pray for Ernie Gordon...John and Jennifer...Tim's recovery... Roger Townsend... Berry... Jeff's mother... Jene's hand...Christine's mother... Allen Sawyers...The Britton Family ... Barbara... Gwen and her son Caleb... Emmy Creswick... Jene's friend, Jim Thorpe... Lu...City of Children... Healing Hands International... Japhet's work in Zimbabwe...and New Hope Uganda.

Thought for the week...

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there. – Clarence W. Hall

Finding the Door to an Eternity of Sundays

By Rick Brown

In the spring of 2010 archaeologists unearthed a 3,500-year-old door to the afterlife from the tomb of a high-ranking Egyptian official near Karnak temple in Luxor. This door was meant to take the official from death to the afterworld.

Jack found another door to the afterlife. He taught English literature at Oxford and spent many evenings walking the gardens of Magdalene College. And it was one evening while walking with his friend John that Jack discovered his way.

His door seems to have found a way into his writings as a wardrobe through which his characters could enter Narnia, a kind of medieval version of Paradise. Jack, or C.S. Lewis as we know him today, went on to become one of the great apologists for the Christian faith in the 20th century. He wrote of death in this way: "If we really think that home is elsewhere and that this life is a 'wandering to find home,' why should we not look forward to the arrival?"

How would you write about that time you take your last breath and the moment right after? Will you look forward to it? Or will it be a terrifying moment for you? And would you want to be able to face your death unafraid?

Jesus enables us to do that, you know. He moves us from a Friday and Saturday of death and disillusionment to a Sunday of victory. Your way into that victory is through a door. Jesus Christ.

Jesus said of himself, "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture" (John 10:9). And all of the Easter stories tell this.

In another garden, another Magdalene—Mary—was looking for Jesus' dead body to anoint, but it was missing from the tomb (John 20). Two angels speak to her but she is so upset she misses them. She keeps talking about her "Lord" and that he had been taken away. It took Jesus coming to her and calling her by name before she recognized what had happened.

You'll have your Fridays and Saturdays. Days that are dark and days that are lost. In those days when you can't find the door out, do as Mary did. Keep calling Jesus "Lord." Keep calling and keep looking for him.

Because if you keep calling him Lord, he'll call you by name. And when he does, you will turn and find the door to an eternity of Sundays.