

Dear Menlo Church Family,

After much prayer and discernment, I have decided to resign from my role as one of the pastors at Menlo Church. My last day will be July 15. I share this with a heart full of both joy and sadness. Joy, because my time at Menlo has been an incredible journey with God and with you. Sadness, because I love this church and letting go is a hard thing to do. But my heart is full of gratitude for all of you, and it has been a great honor and privilege to serve at Menlo for the past eight years. I will cherish all the relationships, memories, and lessons learned during my time with you.

As for my next steps, I am planning to spend the following months on a sabbatical to rest, reflect and prepare for where God leads. I don't know what God has in store for me, but I know that I need some time to tend to my own soul and renew my strength. I hope this sabbath will enable me to continue living in sync with the rhythms that God has called me to. And I would deeply appreciate your prayers that this season would bring replenishment to my soul as well as rest for my body.

Most importantly, please know that I love you and our church and believe the best is yet to come. I will continue to pray for the pastors and staff, the elders, all our amazing volunteers, and the congregation that has loved me and invested in my growth as a pastor. I will pray for God's best for Menlo and lean into the ongoing journey of following Jesus and celebrating his faithfulness to us.

With love,  
Eugene

*Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12–14*