



## DEAR FELLOW SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN CHRIST,

We want to express our sincere gratitude to John Crosby for the healing and pastoring that he and his wife Laura have brought to our congregation. He stepped in at a difficult time, and we appreciate that he lent us his pastoral voice which has given needed support to our staff and congregation. John's last sermon with Menlo Church as our Transitional Pastor will be Sunday, May 1, and his last day with Menlo Church as Transitional Pastor will be May 13, 2022. Please join us in our appreciation of John's work after the second service on May 1 at 11:30am at the Menlo Park campus.

We are also grateful to announce in partnership with the staff Leadership Team that Scott Palmbush, our Head of Campus Pastors, has been affirmed by Session as Acting Head of Staff until the next Senior Pastor is called. Given the path of healing and restoration our church has been on and the ongoing work with the Senior Pastor search, Session along with consultation from our ECO Presbytery Ministry Partnership Team, decided another Transitional Pastor at this time would not serve us well. We will continue to focus our efforts in the search for our next Senior Pastor and invite you to pray and keep up to date on the Senior Pastor search.

We are excited for the new season ahead of us, while there is still healing and work we need to do. Scott Palmbush and Cheryl Fletcher have been working on our discipleship pathways and a new sermon series to help our congregation focus on fulfilling our mission: Leading our generation into a transforming relationship with Jesus and authentic community with each other, so that everyone in the Bay Area and beyond can flourish. This Sunday, April 24, we will focus on being around the table with our next generation and explore how we can be a church that walks with them. The pandemic has impacted us all and research has shown the next generation have an increased interest in spiritual matters as they search to know who they are and their place in the world. Please join us as we invite everyone to commit to praying daily for a kid or student in their life. The following week, our teaching team will launch a new series titled Unlikely Witness, where we will consider how to have spiritual conversations with our community.

Let us be unified in our mission so that the world may know us as his disciples in our love for one another.

Blessings,

**MENLO CHURCH ELDERS**