

July 28, 2019
7th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

Good Morning! Malo e lava mail! Nisa bula vinaka!
In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome, safe and cherished.
www.RMNetwork.org

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Lay Liturgist: Mira Dabrowski
Guest Organist: Jean Cole

*With the sounding of the chimes, we are gathered as a family of faith.
Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk (*).
Children's activity packets are available in the entry way.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude / Nyland: Finnish Melody / Dale Wood
The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.
Lighting the Candles
Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Opening Hymn / Lord God, Your Love Has Called Us Here / No. 579

*Call to Worship / Mira Dabrowski

Leader: Loving God, we have come to worship today because we love you and we want to love you more.

**People: We have come to worship needing more love in our lives: more love for family, friends, strangers, and enemies.
Amen.**

The Children in Our Midst
Life of the Community / Mira Dabrowski
Welcoming New Members, the Kalas Family
Baptism of Aavya Hannah Kalas
Pastoral Prayer / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
The Lord's Prayer / No. 895

**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.**

*The Peace of Christ Be With You / stand and greet your neighbor

*Sung Response / Shalom to You / No. 666

**Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

Anthem / And The Father Will Dance Over You in Joy / Mark Hayes
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
And He will joy over you in song;
And He will joy over you in song.
My soul will make its boast in God,
For He has answered all my cries,
His faithfulness in me
is as sure as the dawn
of a new day.

Awake my soul!
Awake, my soul, and sing!
Let my spirit rejoice,
Let my spirit rejoice,
Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all of your heart!
Cast away fear for you have been restored!
Put on the garment of praise
as on a festival day.
Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

And He will joy over you in song;
And He will joy over you in song.
And the Father will dance over you in joy!
He will take delight in whom He loves.
Is that a choir I hear, singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!
God rejoices over you,
God rejoices over you,
God rejoices over you in song!

GOD SPEAKS TO US

*Scripture Reading / Luke 11:1-13 / Diane Allen

New Testament pg. 67; large print pg. 88

*Hymn / Seek Ye First / No. 405, v. 1

Sermon / Letting God Love You / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / Seek Ye First / No. 405, v. 2

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Mira Dabrowski

Offertory / Offertory on Rathbun / Elizabeth Krouse

*Doxology / Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow / No. 94

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self / Mira Dabrowski

**Dear Lord, We thank you for our daily bread. We thank you for
keeping us from the temptation to spend all that we have on
ourselves, and to forget about our neighbors in need. May these
gifts of tithe and offering facilitate your kingdom coming on
earth. May they inspire justice and righteousness for all. Amen.**

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn / How Can We Name a Love / No. 111

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

*Postlude / Toccatina / Carl Simone

All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation
on the patio following worship.

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Elliott Bolter by Claudette Bolter Kayne

Charge Conference

TODAY at 12:30 in Kohlstedt Hall.
Please plan to attend.



Our Vision:
The Children in Our Midst
The Mission at Our Doorstep
A Place of Hospitality and Grace

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray, Senior Pastor
Mark Shaull, Director of Music
Diane Keller, Organist
Peni Savou, Lay Leader, Fijian Language Ministry

The worship service is webcast live every Sunday. To view it, go to
www.firstpaloalto.com/live. DVD's of the 10:45am worship service are available
to borrow in the library or to purchase by contacting the church office.



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NOTEWORTHY NEWS.....

NEW DIRECTORY COMING: Is all of your info up to date? Do you have a new e-mail address or phone number? Please advise Membership Secretary of any changes; pbellardo@gmail.com or (650) 387-5256. **Photos will be taken on August 23 and 24** at church! Book your photography session at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yreprsq/>.

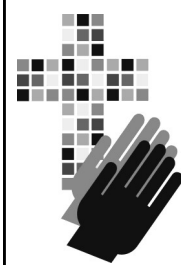
Talk by J.J. Warren: J.J. Warren, a young and aspiring gay United Methodist clergy member, spoke at General Conference 2019 and inspired many by his passion and commitment for LGBTQ+ justice. His California speaking tour will bring him to Los Altos UMC on **August 10 at 4 PM**. All are invited to come hear him speak, RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/jjwarren.

New electronic giving! We have updated our electronic giving page with new links. You can now donate online and via app. Visit <http://firstpaloalto.com/give/> or text "give" to **1-650-376-6784** for a phone link. To donate by app, download the "Church by Ministry One" app on your device's app store, or visit our website for more details.

Our third **125th Anniversary Tour** is **Saturday, September 14 at 1 PM!** All are invited to attend. These history tours of the building and sanctuary start off in the Patio Room and last about 1 hr, including a brief organ concert by our organist Diane Keller.

Collecting Greeting Cards! Under the umbrella of our First Palo Alto UMW, we are starting a **Card Writing Special Interest Group** to provide a tangible acknowledgment of our care and love for members who are in our prayers, and also as a special outreach to incarcerated women who Pastor Debra visits monthly. Please consider donating any unused cards with envelopes to help in this effort (preferably generic, nice cover pictures). Look for our basket in the church narthex. Stay tuned for future updates about our inaugural card writing party—all will be very welcome!

Social Media Retreat: Rev. Bruce Reyes-Chow will hold a workshop on social media and engagement for church at the First Presbyterian Church of Palo Alto **Saturday, August 17, 9-noon**. Bruce has spent over a decade teaching and using social media and technology in church and with leadership in order to better share the mission and ministry of the church. The workshop is free to all. RSVP and find more information at <https://www.fprespa.org/events/communication-retreat/>.



We lift the names of those asking for prayer, with thanksgiving for the healing already being received:

Artemas, Don and Jennifer (Janet Nicholls' friends), Emilie Sweet, Danielle Martell, Keith Perry, Frankie Campos, Jimmy Winston (Paula McKinney's cousin), Mehri Namdarian, Joanne Perry, Robin Snyder, Janet Gardell (Nancy Larson's sister), Mary Lu Wood, Fred English, Betty Veenker, Orin & Jo Zimmerman, Kitty Baggott, Diane Mazuera's father, Tom Cousar (Patty & Lou Bellardo's nephew)

We lift the names of those who have passed away:
Sally Tompkin

To add your name to the prayer list, fill out a Prayer Request Card and place in the offering plate. Our "on-going prayer list" (for persons who are homebound, battling long-term illness, or serving overseas) may be found on our website.

Upcoming Community Events:

-Daily Noon Vigil for Immigrants: Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice is holding a half hour vigil **12-12:30** at the corner of Page Mill and El Camino. The vigil is sponsored by local Jewish communities and will end on August 11, coinciding with the start of Tisha B'Av. All are welcome.
-On August 11, in place of the usual Peaceful Presence vigil, Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice invites you to join local Jewish and Quaker congregations for a **6 PM Vigil for Immigrants and Refugees** at King Plaza.
-Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice is once again planning a **Sept. 11 Multifaith Peace Picnic and Prayers** gathering at **King Plaza, Palo Alto**. The **Peace Picnic** begins **7 PM** with a short program including children singing and messages of hope and inclusion, followed by **Multifaith Peace Prayers at 8 PM** and concluding in a candlelight vigil. Visit <http://www.multifaithpeace.org/> for more information.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Check our online calendar at www.FirstPaloAlto.com for the latest schedule information. Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed weekends.

Sunday July 28

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio
12:30 PM **Church Conference**, Kohlstedt Hall

Monday July 29

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
5:00 PM **Breaking Bread**, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday July 30

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

Wednesday July 31

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
6:30 PM **Upstream Meal**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Upstream Service**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Kundalini Yoga**, Wesley Room

Thursday August 1

9:30 AM **UMW Walking Group**, Off-site
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

Sunday August 4

9:15 AM **Adult Bible Study**, Wesley Room
9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery
9:30 AM **Summer Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
10:45 AM **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**

For questions regarding Children & Youth Ministries contact Pastor Debra, debra@firstpaloalto.com.

Childcare for young children is available every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Noah's Ark Nursery, located next to the Library on the 1st floor.

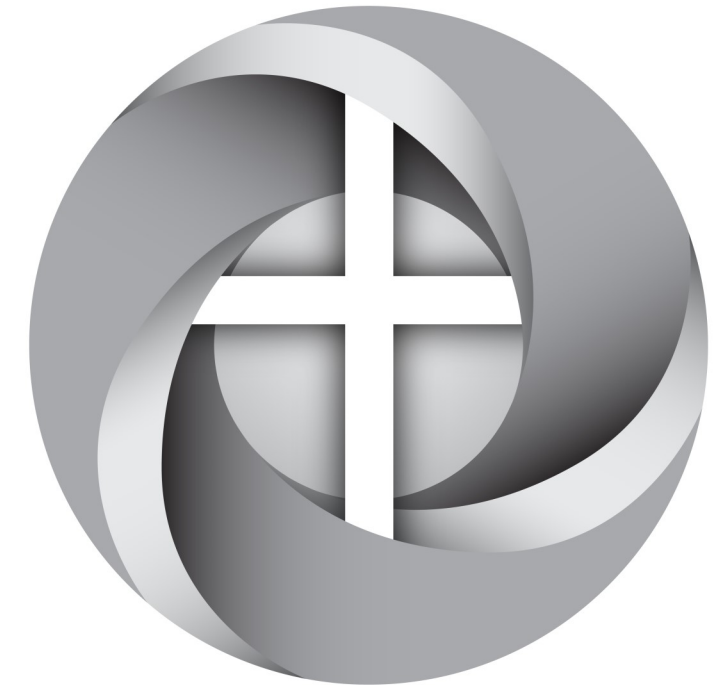
Children's Sunday School will resume in September after summer vacation.

YOFPA (Youth of First Palo Alto) for 6th-12th graders: Contact Pastor Debra for meeting details.

WELCOME

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WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

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WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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