

**August 25, 2019**  
**11th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration**

Good Morning! Malo e lava mai! Nisa bula vinaka!  
In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome, safe and cherished.  
[www.RMNetwork.org](http://www.RMNetwork.org)

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray  
Lay Liturgist: Pamela Cutkosky

*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 / *Listen, God is Calling* / Anne Krentz Organ  
*The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.*

Lighting the Candles

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

**WE SPEAK TO GOD**

\*Opening Hymn / *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* / No. 64

\*Call to Worship / Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: God, we bring to you our gift of praise, in gratitude for all your many blessings for us.

**People: We offer our lives in service to you.**

Leader: Help us to continually serve and praise you.

**People: Guide our steps, place joy and song in our hearts as we celebrate your love.**

**All: We yield to your unifying spirit by bringing our sacrifice of praise entirely, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God Almighty.**

The Children in Our Midst / Pamela Cutkosky

Life of the Community / Pamela Cutkosky

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 / *God Be in My Head* / John Rutter

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Scripture Reading / *Colossians 3:1-11* / Katie Bartholomew

New Testament pg. 190; large print pg. 246

\*Hymn / *The Servant Song* / No. 2222, v. 1-3

Sermon / Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / *The Servant Song* / No. 2222, v. 4-6

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Invitation to the Offering / Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory / *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* / J.S. Bach

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

\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self / Pamela Cutkosky

**Holy Mother God, we stand before you as a people of faith,  
investing our lives and our treasures for the glory of your  
kingdom. Bless these gifts and those who gave them, in Jesus'  
precious name. Amen.**

**WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn / *Jesus Calls Us* / No. 398, v. 1-4

\*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

\*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

\*Postlude / *Exultate Deo* / Robert Hebble

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

*Altar flowers are given by the Cutkosky family to the glory of God  
and in memory Pam's mother, Anna Marie Reasner,  
whose birthday was August 25.*



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**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](http://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.....

A **memorial celebration for John Ovenshine** will be held **TODAY from 3 to 5 PM** in the Lucie Stern Fireside Room at the Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Middlefield Rd. All church family are invited.

**One Dollar for Life:** Check out the One Dollar for Life container at the Welcome Desk for collecting those little plastic tabs on bakery items!



**Rally Day**, the First Day of Sunday School, is Sunday, **Sept 8!** Come to the Patio Room at **9:45 AM** to meet Sunday School teachers and sign-up while enjoying breakfast and fellowship, and join us on the Patio after service for kid-friendly snacks.

FUMCPA is a cohost of the **Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice 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 or if you are interested in volunteering.



Our third **125th Anniversary Tour** is **Saturday, Sept 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.

The annual **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event will be held **Sunday, Sept 29** in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:45 service. You are welcome to join us at this volunteering opportunity for all ages. Visit <https://riseagainsthunger.org/> to learn more. Sign-ups will begin soon!

**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!



**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), Robert Day, Patricia Cutkosky, Major Ross (Pastor Debra's brother)

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.

**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.

**Kundalini Yoga:** Same time every **Wednesday 7-8:30 PM**. Kundalini is a gentle mindfulness yoga for all ages and skill levels, and can be done from a mat or chair. Contact Laura Alvarado [laurajalvarado3@gmail.com](mailto:laurajalvarado3@gmail.com) for information or to sign up. Suggested donation is \$12 per class, first class is free.

**Tuesday Trekkers:** Tuesday mornings Patty Bellardo and a group of dedicated walkers meet at **10 AM** to spend 1'30" covering 3 miles along the Bay front. Come and enjoy the fellowship, birds and fresh air. Contact Patty at (650) 327-1428 for location information for this month's walk. Motion is lotion.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Check our online calendar at [www.FirstPaloAlto.com](http://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 August 25**  
11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio  
12:00 PM **New Members Meeting**, Kohlstedt Hall

**Monday August 26**  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

**Tuesday August 27**  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel  
7:30 PM **Church Council**, Patio Room

**Wednesday August 28**  
10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel  
12:00 PM **New Members Meeting**, Kohlstedt Hall  
6:30 PM **Upstream Meal**, Patio Room  
7:00 PM **Upstream Service**, Patio Room  
7:00 PM **Kundalini Yoga**, Wesley Room

**Thursday August 29**  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

**Sunday September 1**  
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](mailto:debra@firstpaloalto.com).

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

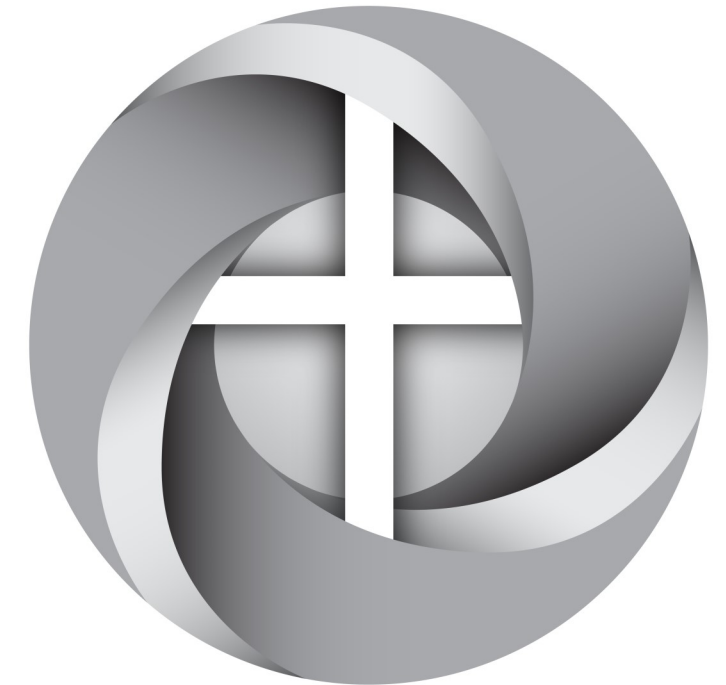
**Children's Sunday School** will resume in September after summer vacation.

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

# WELCOME

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:**

**SUNDAY 10:45 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM**

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