

BENEFICIARIES & BENEFACTORS: Fall Stewardship

October 13, 2019
18th 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

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Lay Liturgist: Caryn Cranston

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 / Sonata V (Allegro, Adagio, Vivace) A. Corelli
Fiume di Musica

The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Introit / Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above / Lloyd Pfautsch

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Litany / Caryn Cranston

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before God with joyful songs.

People: Write the vision and make it plain so that all may read it. Even though it seems impossible, work towards it.

Leader: For there is still a vision to work towards. It shall come to pass. Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

People: Ask God to help us accomplish God's vision to be fruitful and provide for this earth for generations to come. Let us imitate God.

All: For the Lord is good and the Lord's love endures forever; God's faithfulness continues through all generations. Amen.

*Hymn / O God, Our Help in Ages Past / No. 117

Children's Hymn / Where Children Belong / FWS No. 2233

Children's Moment / Hope Crockett

Stewardship Message

Tom Fingar, Vicki Veenker and Tim Crockett

Life of the Community / Caryn Cranston

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 / An Offering / Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost,
Nor any grace withheld,
But poured forth Your redeeming blood
In love unparalleled;
What would you have me offer, Lord?
What must I count as loss
That I may taste the fellowship
That brings me near Your cross?

Why should I cling to gifts You give?
Why grasp in foolish pride
What You who gave Yourself for me
Now bid me lay aside?
To know You is my highest gain
Worth any sacrifice,
A treasure worthy to possess
At any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands,
My heart shrinks from the cost,
Teach me that nothing offered You
Is ever truly lost.

A hundredfold reward awaits
In one glimpse of Your face,
My sacrifice forgotten
In the riches of Your grace.

-Eileen Berry

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading / Habakkuk 2:1-4 / Bill Davidson

Old Testament p. 821; large print p. 1067

*Hymn / Come Let Us Dream / insert, v. 1

Sermon / Sharing the Dream / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / Bless Thou the Gifts / No. 587

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Caryn Cranston

Offertory / Verset / Louis Lefebure-Wély

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

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self / Caryn Cranston

Blessed Lord, we thank you that we are the beneficiaries of so many blessings. Help us to be a blessing to future generations through our giving. Amen.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn / My Faith Looks Up to Thee / No. 452

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

*Postlude / Toccata on "Amazing Grace" / Christopher Pardini

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

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my dad, Dr. Wing Yuen's, 18th Eternal Birthday and my late husband, George Chang's, 21st Eternal Birthday by Janni Yuen.



All Saints Day

Sunday November 3, 2019 - 10:45 Service

Behold Your Saints In Glory

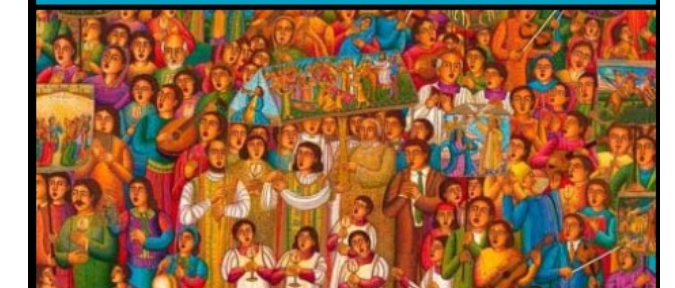
by Aaron David Miller

featuring

Chancel Choir - FIUME di Musica - Joe Amaral, Trumpet Soloist

First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto

625 Hamilton at Webster - Palo Alto



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.....

Visitors Meet and Greet Reception: In honor of our visitors, there will be a **Visitors Meet and Greet Reception TODAY 12 to 1 PM** in Kohlstedt Hall. Whether you have visited one time or multiple times, you are invited to this event. This is an opportunity to meet each other as well as chat with Pastor Debra and members of our program and outreach team. The reception is for the whole family; childcare will be provided, and refreshments will be served. Please contact Paula McKinney with questions at paulamckinney3@gmail.com.

Remember: Oct 20 is Consecration Sunday! Bring your tithes and offerings and your "Hopes and Dreams" form for a special blessing. Find the insert to fill out in this week's bulletin.

Book Giveaway: The library will have a free book giveaway on **Sunday, Oct 20** on the patio after worship!

UMW Holiday Card Prep will continue throughout October every Sunday after service in the Library.

CROP Hunger Walk

Date: Sunday October 20

Time: 1:00 PM registration, 2:00 PM start

Place: Nealon Park, 800 Middle Avenue, Menlo Park

Each year, our community comes together to raise money and awareness for hunger relief locally and around the world through the CROP Hunger Walk. Our steps symbolize the daily journey others must make for food and clean water. Visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/menloparkca> to register and donate on-line. Our team is "First UMC Palo Alto".



Wear a Costume!



Superhero Sunday

Come dressed as your favorite superhero for worship service on **Sunday, Oct 27th**. Your superhero is whatever you make it! Whether that's your favorite Marvel or DC character, a Bible figure, or someone from your life, we want to see it. After service, we will decorate pumpkins and hold a costume contest for all ages - young and old we want to see what you've got! (Please keep it positive and PG - do not bring any weapons or anything that resembles a weapon.)

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, 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), Marilyn Davis (Michele Conway's aunt), Merribeth May Munyon, Christina Harland, Janni Yuen

We lift the names of those who have passed away:
Peter Abbatelli (Jeff Abbatelli's father)

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.

125th Anniversary Tour & Concert: Last Chance!

Date: Saturday, November 2

Time: 1:00-2:00 PM

Place: Begins in Sanctuary

Hear a brief concert by our organist, Diane Keller, demonstrating and describing the amazing features of our two organs, including the parts you never see. Learn about the history of the congregation and the facility.

View newly obtained photos from the Palo Alto Historical Association's Guy Miller Archive of the two previous church buildings on the Hamilton Ave., and enjoy the slide show, An Act of Faith, depicting the construction of the current sanctuary, refreshments and conversation.

Bring your friends. Children welcome. Tour is handicap accessible. Event is free.



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 October 13

12:00 PM **Visitor Meet & Greet**, Kohlstedt Hall

12:00 PM **UMW Greeting Card Prep**, Library

Monday October 14

7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

Tuesday October 15

7:30 PM **Finance Committee**, Patio Room

Wednesday October 16

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House

6:30 PM **Upstream Meal**, Patio Room

7:00 PM **Upstream Service**, Patio Room

Thursday October 17

6:30 PM **Handbells Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

7:30 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Saturday October 19

8:00 PM **125th Anniversary Community Dance Party**, Fellowship Hall

Sunday October 20

9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery

9:30 AM **Adult Bible Study: You, The Bible, and Current Events**, Wesley Room

9:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**

Preschool-K, Butterfly Room (1st floor)

1st-5th Grade, Rainbow Room (2nd floor)

10:45 AM **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**

For questions regarding Children & Youth Ministries contact Hope Crockett, hope@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 for kids age 3 through 5th grade:

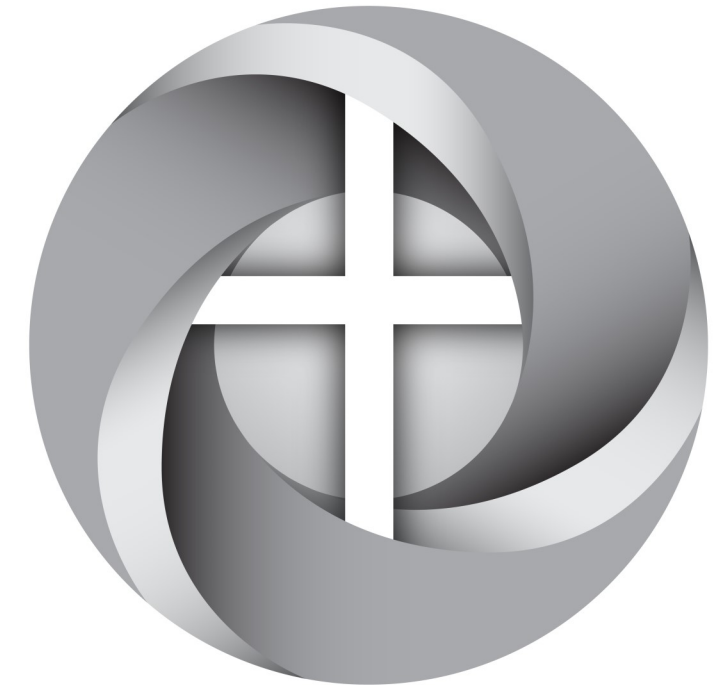
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

WELCOME

October 13, 2019

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WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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