

November 17, 2019
23rd 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.
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Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Lay Liturgist: Sumith Kalas

*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 / *Lobe den Herren* / Wayne Wold
The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.
Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Call to Worship / Sumith Kalas
Leader: Sing to the Lord, for God has done wonderful things!
People: Tell the whole world what God has done.
Leader: Give thanks to God, and praise God's name!
People: For God is great and God is here, with us and among us.
Leader: God is good and His mercy endures forever.
People: God has forgiven us for our sins.
Leader: God is our strength and our song.
All: Thank God for God's tender mercy toward us. We will trust in Him and not be afraid. Amen.

Introit / *O How Amiable* / Ralph Van Williams
O how amiable are thy dwellings thou Lord of hosts
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young
Even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and my God
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house
They will be always praising thee
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us
Prosper thou the work of our hands upon us
O prosper thou our handy work, o prosper thou our handy work.

*Opening Hymn / *O God Our Help in Ages Past* / No. 117
Children's Hymn / *Where Children Belong* / FWS No. 2233
Children's Moment / Hope Crockett
Life of the Community / Sumith 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 / *How Firm a Foundation* / Alice Parker

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading / *Isaiah 12, Luke 21:5-19* / Julianne Stafford
Old Testament p. 603, New Testament 80; large print p. 785, 103
*Hymn / *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* / No. 729, v. 1
Sermon / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Opportunity to Join the Family of God
Sung Response / *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* / No. 729, v. 2

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

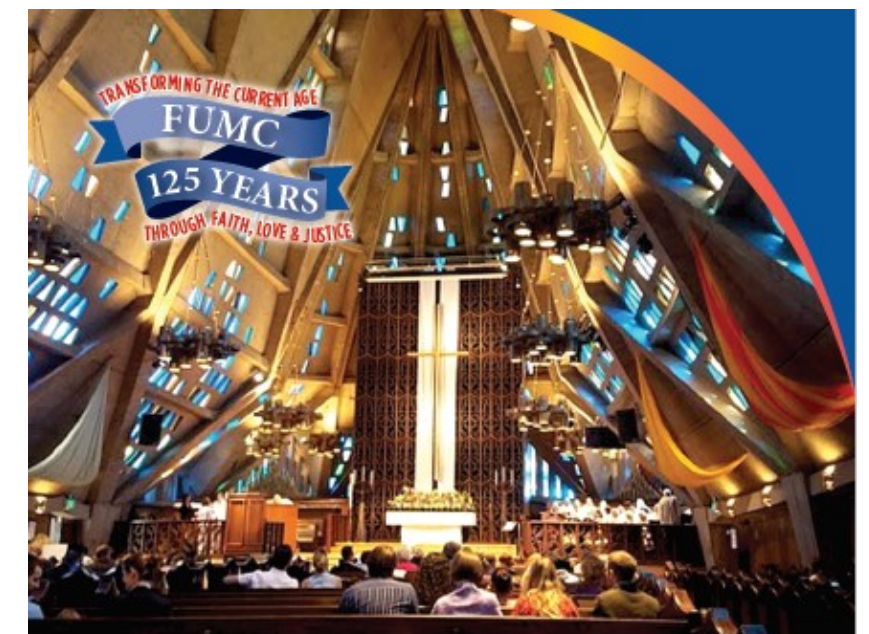
Invitation to the Offering / Sumith Kalas
Offertory / *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* / Neil Harmon
*Doxology / *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* / No. 94
Offering Prayer / Sumith Kalas
O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer You what we have: our visions and dreams, our witness to Your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer You our very lives. We desire to be coworkers with You to bring about true change. Lord, receive our prayer. Amen.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn / *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life* / No. 427, v. 1-4
*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1
*Postlude / *Toccata Brevis* / Daniel Gawthrop

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

*Altar flowers are given in honor of the church's 125th Anniversary and
in celebration of Brooklyn Tuufuli's sixth birthday by her grandparents.*



Celebration Service

You are cordially invited to the 125th Anniversary celebration service for the First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto. Join us in commemorating the milestones and celebrating those who have helped in perpetuating our legacy and mission for the past 125 years.

When: Sunday, November 17, 2019
Time: 3:00 P.M.
Where: FUMC of Palo Alto
625 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301



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.



Our electronic giving page is open! Whether you are a long time member, or just joined us, you can give with just a few clicks at www.firstpaloalto.com/give. You can also find information on how to contribute through Amazon Smile. As always, your generosity makes our mission possible! Thank you!

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NOTEWORTHY NEWS.....

Sunday Announcement Guidelines: If you have an announcement you want to make on a Sunday or place in the Sunday bulletin, please email Charlotte at charlotte@firstpaloalto.com with your request.

UMW Holiday Card Sales will be held **Nov. 24 and Dec 1** on the patio. Proceeds support UMW service projects around the world.

Deck the Halls: We need volunteers of all skill levels to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas on **Saturday morning, Nov 30!** Breakfast will be served. (Youth, this is a great opportunity to get community service hours!)

LifeMoves Drop-In Holiday Shoppe: We will have a barrel in the narthex for donations. **Particularly requested items:** sleeping bags, blankets, undergarments (underwear, socks for men & women), warm coats/heavy hoodies (adult sizes), wool socks, wool hats, and mitten/scarves, backpacks, umbrellas, and/or durable rain ponchos, self-blow-up mattress or mat for sleeping, gift cards for car gas, Walmart/Target, or meals (i.e. McDonald's, Starbucks, etc.) Bring items **by Wed Dec 11.**

The **2020 Women's Retreat** runs **Jan 17– 9** at Villa Maria del Mar. This year's theme is "Peace and Simplicity of Heart". The deadline to register is **Jan 2.** Forms are available in Insights, at the front office and narthex welcome desk, and online at <http://firstpaloalto.com/womens-retreat-2020/>. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Koinonia's annual Christmas Party is **Dec 7 at 6 PM.** The party includes a potluck, White Elephant gift exchange, and caroling at the Larsons'. RSVP to Nancy at (650) 326-4856 or nancyco2@gmail.com by **Dec 5.**

UMW Cookie Plates for Shut-ins: The UMW will make cookie plates for homebound congregation members on **Saturday, Dec 14 at 10 AM.** All women of the church are invited to participate!

Parents' Night Out: Saturday, Dec 14 5-8 PM Youth Leader Hope Crockett and childcare staff will host an evening of dinner and games for kids while parents get their Christmas shopping done! Invite your friends.

Couples Group meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday in the Wesley Room. Next meeting: **TODAY.**



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, Mehri Namdarian, Joanne Perry, Robin Snyder, Orin & Jo Zimmerman, Kitty Baggott, Diane Mazuera's father, Tom Cousar (Patty & Lou Bellardo's nephew), Robert Day, Major Ross (Pastor Debra's brother), Marilyn Davis (Michele Conway's aunt), Merribeth May Munyon, Christina Harland, Janni Yuen, Jean Cole, Anna Costello Osden (Sheila Gholson's niece)

We lift the names of those who have passed away:
Ilaisaane Fifita

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.



Advent & Christmas Services:

Advent Processional Service, 12/8 7 PM

Special Music w/ Fiume di Musica and Hand Bells, 12/15, 10:45 service

Community Carol Sing w/ brass quintet, 12/22, 3 PM

Christmas Eve

Family Service, 5 PM

Candlelight Service, 11 PM

Christmas Day

Tongan Service, 2 PM



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 November 17

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio

11:45 AM **Couples Group**, Wesley Room

3:00 PM **125th Anniversary Celebration**, Sanctuary

4:00 PM **First Tongan Church Feast**, Fellowship Hall

Monday November 18

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

Tuesday November 19

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

Wednesday November 20

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

6:00 PM **Upstream Meal**, Patio Room

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

Thursday November 21

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

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

Sunday November 24—United Methodist Student Day Special Offering

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:

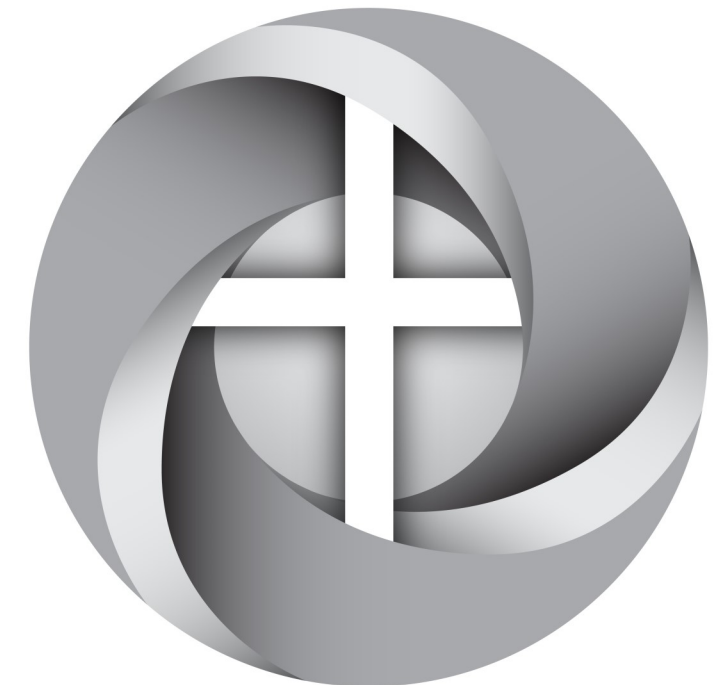
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

WELCOME

November 17, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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