

**May 19, 2019**  
**5th Sunday of Easter**  
**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

*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 / *The Heart of Peace* / Mons Leidvin Takle  
*The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.*

Lighting the Candles

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

**WE SPEAK TO GOD**

\*Call to Worship

**People: Praise the One who commands our creation!**

Leader: Praise God, you angels, from the highest heights! Let sun and moon and shining stars rejoice!

**People: Let praise resound from the earth itself, from the deepest seas! Glory in your Creator. We are all One. We are unified with the same Spirit. Young and old together! Men and women alike! Rulers of the earth and common folk in unity, praise God's holy name!**

**All: Let us worship God! We are all One. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn / *All Creatures of Our God and King* / No. 62

The Children in Our Midst

Life of the Community

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 / *If Ye Love Me* / Thomas Tallis

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

\*Scripture Reading / *John 13:31-35* / John Baglin

New Testament 102; large print p. 132

Anthem / *The Great Spirit of Love* / David Conte

Sermon / *Horizontal and Vertical Love* / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / *The Gift of Love* / No. 408, v. 1-3

**OUR RESPONSE TO GOD**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory / *O Perfect Love* / arr. Alice Jordan

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

\*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self

**Holy God, thank you for showing us how to love through Jesus the Christ our progenitor. We continue to allow his love to flow through us to create marvelous miracles, forgiveness, healing and new life. We know that these gifts don't come from our power or piety, but by your goodness. As we reach out to people in our community, may we do so through our love for you. Let our offerings contribute to the ongoing work of your servant Jesus. Amen.**

**WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD**

\*Closing Hymn / *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* / No. 384

\*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

\*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

\*Postlude / *Toccata on "Meadville"* / Brenda Portman



*All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation on the patio following worship. Today's snacks are provided by the Library Committee. Please come check out our book cart of recent additions to the library collection!*

*Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mark Shaull and the Chancel Choir by Nancy Stowe, with love and gratitude for the joy of singing in the choir.*

**Please note: Wednesday Night Upstream service will now be held in the Patio Room.**



**CHURCH CONFERENCE**  
**TODAY, 12 PM Kohlstedt Hall**

First Church will have a Church Conference meeting this coming Sunday, May 19 after the 10:45 AM Worship Service. The only topic will be final approval of the 2019 Centennial Endowment Funds (CEF) grants along with some minor changes to the CEF Policy statement. A total of \$150,000 in grants and another \$12,700 in Restricted Purpose Funds need to be authorized. Please plan on attending.



**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.firstpalalto.com/live](http://www.firstpalalto.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.....

**The Rev. Paul Jeffrey**, a United Methodist missionary photojournalist, will speak at St. Andrew's United Methodist Church 4111 Alma St. Palo Alto on **Wednesday May 22**. There will be a potluck at 5 PM followed by a 6:30 program. **We are offering transportation from both Channing House and our church - patio area at 5:15 PM.** Please sign up or let Nancy Glaser know. She can be reached by email or phone: [glasernancy@gmail.com](mailto:glasernancy@gmail.com) and 650-400-2417.

**Oberammergau Passion Play and the Holy Lands:** Informational meeting, **Sunday, May 26th, 1-2 PM** in the Live Oak Room at Los Altos UMC. This is your opportunity to find out about an amazing tour of the Holy Lands that includes the September 17-28 2020 Oberammergau Passion Plan. We will be traveling with Reverend Dr. Debra Murray, who will be our "Soul Doctor" as we grow in community and share in the mysteries and life of Christ by walking in his footsteps. The tour will also offer a 7-day extension to Egypt. For more information, please contact Vern Dale at (408) 568-1241 or Melanie Ercoli at 650-996-8691.

**Calling all '19 Graduates!** Are you graduating or matriculating this spring, or have a friend or family member who is? We will be honoring all grads, preschool through higher education, at service on **June 2!** Contact the office with the graduate's name, year, and major if applicable!

**Music Appreciation Sunday Worship Service: Sunday June 9, 10:45 AM Worship.** Music Appreciation Sunday will feature special performances by the Chancel Choir and soloists, the Handbell Choir, and Fiume di Musica, FUMCPA's chamber ensemble. All are welcome to experience praise through music and the talents of our hardworking musicians.

**Fijian Youth Camp:** Members of all UMC congregations are invited to this year's Fijian Youth Camp at Camp Lodestar in Wilseyville, CA. The camp is for ages 10-13 and features Bible study, worship, and presentations by pastors and faith workers, as well as outdoor activities like swimming, climbing and more. The camp runs **June 25-28**, and the deadline to register is June 15, \$110 fee, with an earlybird price of \$100 if registered by May 31. Visit: <http://firstpaloalto.com/fijian-youth-camp/> for forms and instructions.

**Food Collection:** Please bring a non-perishable food item each week for the Downtown Streets Team Food Closet. Place your food item in one of the baskets in the Narthex. The food is delivered to the Food Closet. Items of particular need include: Vienna sausages, corn beef, microwavable popcorn, instant coffee, apple cider and hot chocolate packets, baby food and formula, and any "open and eat" packages.



**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)

**We lift the names of those who have passed away:**

Mary Ruth Jeffers, Harold Jones' sister.  
A memorial service for June Nielson-Cademartori will be held on June 9 at 2 PM in our Sanctuary.

**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.

**Volunteer with Hotel de Zink in June:** Volunteers are needed each night to bring a hot meal for 12-15 guests. Weekly coordinators are also needed. Find the sign-up in the front hall or patio after worship. Contact Nancy Glaser ([glasernancy@gmail.com](mailto:glasernancy@gmail.com)) or Colleen Crangle ([crangle@stanfordalumni.org](mailto:crangle@stanfordalumni.org)) if you have questions. UMW also has a sign-up for Welcome Bag supplies: <http://www.luckypotluck.com/potluck/2019UMWHoteldeZink>

### 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 May 19

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio  
12:00 PM **Church Conference**, Kohlstedt Hall  
2:00 PM **Fijian Fellowship Worship Service**, Chapel  
3:00 PM **Fijian Fellowship Meal**, Wesley Room

#### Monday May 20

12:00 PM **Prayer Group**, Sanctuary  
5:00 PM **Breaking Bread**, Kohlstedt Hall  
7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

#### Tuesday May 21

10:00 AM **Tuesday Trekkers**, Off-site  
12:00 PM **Prayer Group**, Sanctuary  
7:30 PM **Finance Committee**, Patio Room

#### Wednesday May 22

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House  
12:00 PM **Prayer Group**, Sanctuary  
6:30 PM **Wednesday Nights Meal**, Patio Room  
7:00 PM **Wednesday Service**, Patio Room  
7:00 PM **Kundalini Yoga**, Wesley Room

#### Thursday May 23

12:00 PM **Prayer Group**, Sanctuary  
6:45 PM **Handbells Rehearsal**, Sanctuary  
8:00 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

#### Saturday May 25

10:30 AM **UMW Presentation**, Kohlstedt Hall

#### Sunday May 26

9:45 AM **Children's Sunday School**  
    **Infants & Toddlers**, Noah's Ark Nursery  
    **Preschool-K**, Butterfly Room (1st floor)  
    **1st-5th Grade**, Rainbow Room (2nd floor)  
9:45 AM **Adult Bible Study**, Wesley Room  
10:45 AM **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**

**For questions regarding Children & Youth Ministries contact Pastor Debra, [debra@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:debra@firstpaloalto.com).**

**Nursery Care** for children up to age 3 is available every Sunday from 9:30 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 for kids age 3 through 5th grade:**

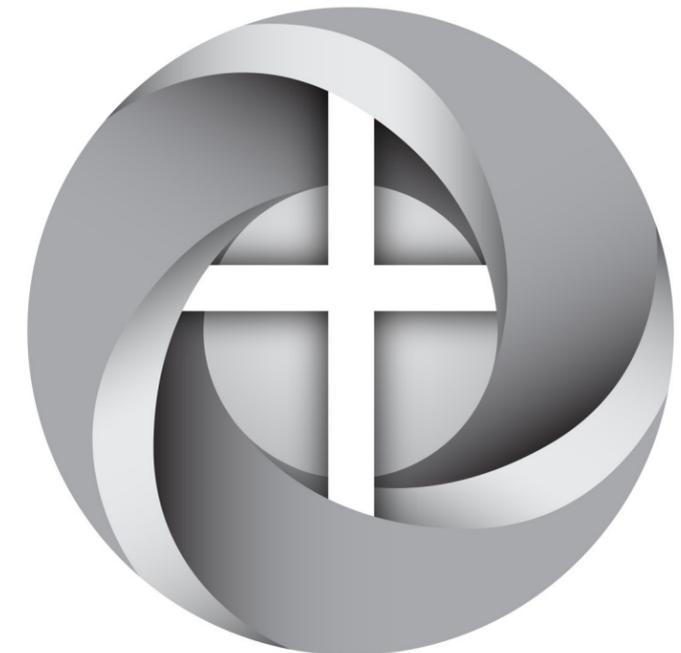
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

# WELCOME

May 19, 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter



## FIRST PALO ALTO

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## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

**SUNDAY 10:45 AM**

**WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM**

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