

August 11, 2019
9th 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: Pamela Cutkosky
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 / *Basso Continuo Del Signor Corelli, variation 1, 3, 4*
Johann Gottfried Walther

The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.

Lighting the Candles

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Opening Hymn / *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
No. 154, v. 1-4

*Call to Worship / Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: Thanks be to God for the mystery of our faith:

People: Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God,

Leader: Jesus Christ the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world

People: Jesus Christ, friend of the poor, champion of the oppressed

Leader: Jesus Christ, who was and is, and is to come.

All: We worship you! Amen.

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 / *Awake My Heart* / Jane Marshall

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading / *Colossians 1:15-28* / John Baglin

New Testament pg. 188; large print pg. 244

*Hymn / *At the Name of Jesus* / No. 168, v. 1-2

Sermon / Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / *At the Name of Jesus* / No. 168, v. 3-4

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory / *Suite in G Major, Opus 1, No. 1* / Josepu-Hector Fiocco

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

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self / Pamela Cutkosky

Gracious God, we praise you for our great gift of salvation in your Son, Jesus. In him, we find deep and abiding joy. As we dedicate our offerings, we devote ourselves to your service. Help us to live faithfully, growing in wisdom in the light of the miracle of Christ's love for us. Thank you for giving us opportunities to bring health and healing to our neighbors through the ministries of this congregation. Amen.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn / *Hope of the World* / No. 178

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

*Postlude / *Fuga* / Josepu-Hector Fiocco



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 honor of Kirstin Glaser-Noll by Aunt Nancy Glaser.

Wednesday evening Upstream service is looking for singers!

Contact Pastor Debra for details.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING!

Photos will be taken on August 23 and 24 at church! Book your photography session at <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yrepsrsq/>.

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.



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.....

The Hospitality Team (greeters) will be meeting on Sunday, **August 18 at 12:15 PM** in the Patio Room. Please contact Paula McKinney at (650) 464-3626 or paulamckinney3@gmail.com if you have any questions.


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.

Breaking Bread Transition (A Note from Life Moves): In an effort to improve our services for the low-income and homeless residents of Palo Alto, **starting August 15th**, LifeMoves is redefining the Breaking Bread Program to be a nutritious hot breakfast served at the Opportunity Services Center (OSC). While this program is changing, our need for your support does not. There will be many opportunities to continue your service to our community. Please join us at the OSC **Thursday, August 15 10-11:30 AM** to hear about the exciting opportunities to build a deeper connection with our clients.

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.fprensa.org/events/communication-retreat/>.

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

We lift the names of those who have passed away: Sally Tompkin, Dorothy Richetti and Luciano Richetti (Lou Bellardo’s aunt and uncle)

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.

Mission & Service Committee will meet **TODAY at 12 PM** in the Patio Room.

Upcoming Community Events:
-**TODAY**, 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.
-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.

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 August 11**
11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio
12:00 PM **Mission & Service Committee**, Patio Room
- Monday August 12**
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
5:00 PM **Breaking Bread**, Fellowship Hall
- Tuesday August 13**
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
7:30 PM **Board of Trustees**, Patio Room
- Wednesday August 14**
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 15**
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
- Sunday August 18**
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.

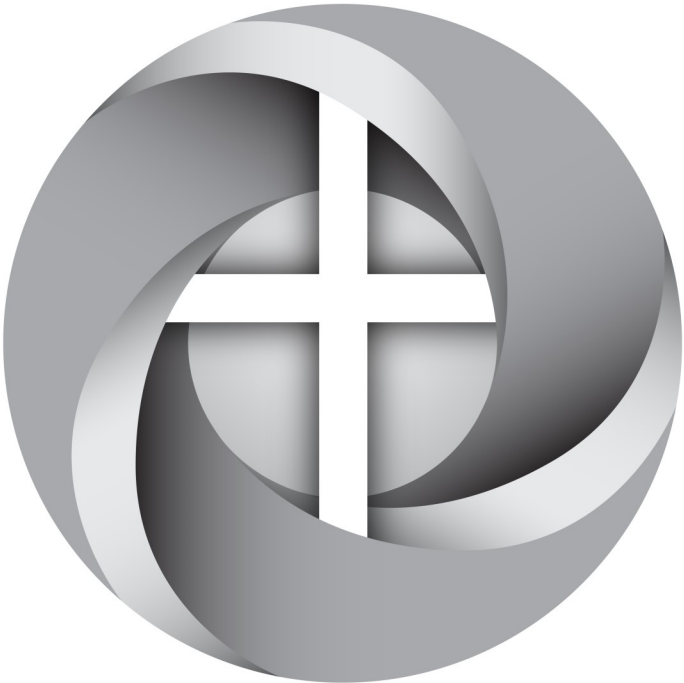
Childcare for young children is available every Sunday from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Noah's Ark Nursery, located next to the Library on the 1st floor.

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:
SUNDAY 10:45 AM
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