

August 4, 2019
8th Sunday after Pentecost
10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

Good Morning! Malo e lava mail! 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: Sumith Kalas
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 / *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ* / Sigfrid Kar-Elert
The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.

Lighting the Candles

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

*Opening Hymn / *Where Charity and Love Prevail* / No. 549, v. 1-4

*Call to Worship / Sumith Kalas

Leader: God of grace and God of glory, come and be known to us
in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we
sing and in the prayers we praise.

**People: From the busy byways of life, we come to find once
again. that you are always present and always ready to receive
us.**

Leader: As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our
commitment that we may learn your calling upon our lives.

**People: Surround us now with the love and comfort of your
Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. Amen.**

The Children in Our Midst

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 / *Love Eternal, Everlasting* / Eugene Butler

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading / *Colossians 1:1-14* / Jeff King

New Testament pg. 188; large print pg. 243

*Hymn / *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* / No. 480, v. 1-2

Sermon / *Growing in Christ* / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* / No. 480, v. 3-4

Anthem / *When the Stars Are Gone* / Henry Mollicone

The stars shine over the ocean,
The stars shine over the sea,
The stars look up to the mighty God,
The stars look down on me.
The stars will live a million years,
Yes, a million years and a day,
But only God and I shall live and love
When the stars have passed away.

COMMUNION / See insert

Our Offering — Please bring tithes and offerings to the plate as you
come up for communion.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

*Closing Hymn / *Take My Life, and Let It Be* / No. 399

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

*Postlude / *Cantique* / Th. Dubois



*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 celebration of
James Bravo's first birthday by Brenda Birrell.*

**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/](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** 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)

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

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.

Talk by J.J. Warren: J.J. Warren, a young and aspiring gay United Methodist clergy member, spoke at General Conference 2019 and inspired many by his passion and commitment for LGBTQ+ justice. His California speaking tour will bring him to Los Altos UMC on **August 10 at 4 PM**. All are invited to come hear him speak, RSVP at www.tinyurl.com/ijwarren.

Upcoming Community Events:

-Daily Noon Vigil for Immigrants: Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice is holding a half hour vigil **12-12:30** at the corner of Page Mill and El Camino. The vigil is sponsored by local Jewish communities and will end on August 11, coinciding with the start of Tisha B'Av. All are welcome.
-On August 11, 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.
-Multifaith Voices for Peace and Justice is once again planning a **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.

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 4

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

Monday August 5

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

5:00 PM **Breaking Bread**, Fellowship Hall

Tuesday August 6

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

7:00 PM **SPRC**, Millennium Room

Wednesday August 7

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 8

9:30 AM **UMW Walking Group**, Off-site

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel

Sunday August 11

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.

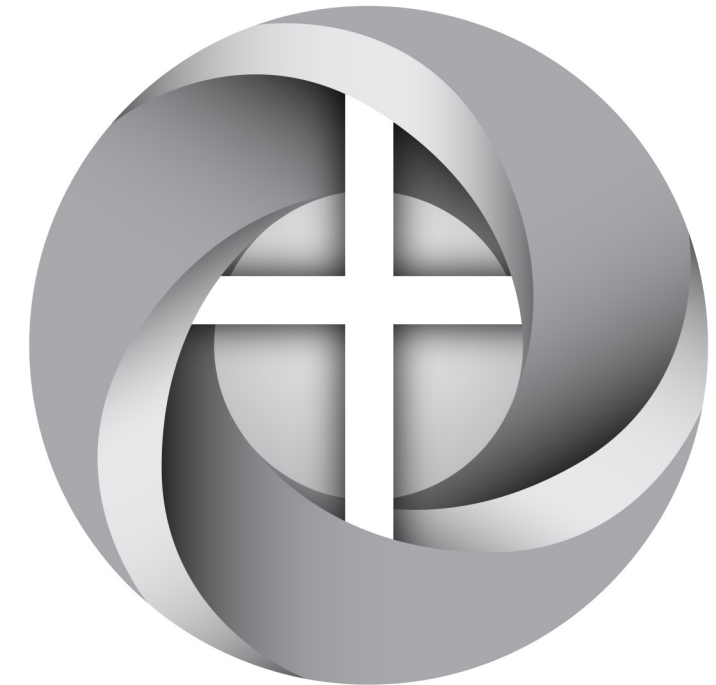
Children's Sunday School will resume in September after summer vacation.

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

WELCOME

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