

**September 1, 2019**  
**12th 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](http://www.RMNetwork.org)

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray  
Lay Liturgist: Gladys 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 / *Communion* / Louis Vierne  
*The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.*  
Lighting the Candles  
Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

**WE SPEAK TO GOD**

\*Opening Hymn / *Come, We That Love the Lord* / No. 732  
\*Call to Worship / Gladys Kalas

Leader: Merciful God, we find it hard to see in ourselves  
**People: the trappings our society so admires and serves—**  
Leader: power, wealth, and access that forgets mutual love.  
**People: We fail to see our allegiance to these dangerous**  
**gods—rushing for places of honor, scorning the humble and**  
**lowly, supporting systems that survive on greed and abuse.**  
Leader: Forgive us when we are fearful that there is not enough.  
Remind us that you are enough.  
**All: Teach us your generosity. Teach us your world-changing**  
**humility. Teach us your expansive love. Transform us and heal**  
**our lives. Amen.**

The Children in Our Midst / Pamela Cutkosky  
Life of the Community / Gladys 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 / *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* / Gordon Young

**GOD SPEAKS TO US**

Scripture Reading / *Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16* / Linda Grossman  
New Testament pg. 213; large print pg. 276  
\*Hymn / *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*  
No. 581, v. 1-2  
Sermon / Rev. Dr. Debra Murray  
Opportunity to Join the Family of God  
Sung Response / *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*  
No. 581, v. 3-4

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 / *Lord, Speak to Me* / No. 463  
\*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray  
\*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1  
\*Postlude / *Toccata* / Théodore Dubois



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

*Flowers are given by Steve and Leslie Furney-Howe to the  
Glory of God and in celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary.*

**There will be one more picture day on September 12!**  
Book your photography session at  
<https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/yreprsq/>.



**Sunday School Kick-Off**  
**September 8th**

**9:45 breakfast and check-in, Patio Room**

Join us for the start of Sunday School before the 10:45 a.m. service! Rally Day is an opportunity to meet Sunday School teachers Alicia Breen and Pamela Cutkosky and your classmates and get a preview of activities for the year. Register for Sunday School, and enjoy breakfast, singing and fellowship time from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. Then, during the service, Pastor Debra will bless students and teachers. And afterwards, there will be kid-friendly snacks on the Patio to enjoy! Morning Sunday School is for all children Preschool through 5th grade. There is always nursery care available for children under 3.



**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](http://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](http://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.....

**One Dollar for Life:** Check out the One Dollar for Life container at the Welcome Desk for collecting those little plastic tabs on bakery items!

**Chancel Choir** resumes rehearsals **Sept 5, Thursdays at 8 PM.** Contact Mark Shaul: markshaul@gmail.com.

We're looking for volunteers to join our **social media team!** Starting in September, we'll experiment with livestreaming and liveblogging our services on Instagram and Facebook. If you're interested, contact Charlotte at the church office at [charlotte@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:charlotte@firstpaloalto.com).

**Mission & Service Committee** will meet on **Sunday, Sept 8 at 12 noon** in the Patio Room.

FUMCPA is a cohort 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.

**Koinonia:** A night of friendship and good food at Celia's Mexican Restaurant at 1850 El Camino Real, Atherton, just across the Menlo/Atherton line on **Sat, Sept. 14th at 6 PM.** Please bring cash to facilitate paying the bill. RSVP to Judy Buttrill at 650-321-8338 or [jbuttrill@mindspring.com](mailto:jbuttrill@mindspring.com).

Our third **125th Anniversary Tour** is **Saturday, Sept 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.

**Couples Fellowship Group:** 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12:15 PM. Wesley Room. Next meeting **Sept 15th.**

The annual **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event will be held **Sunday, Sept 29** in Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 10:45 service. You are welcome to join us at this volunteering opportunity for all ages. Visit <https://riseagainsthunger.org/> to learn more. Sign-ups will begin soon!



**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), 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 Munson

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

**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.

**Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, Oct 12,** at the Arena Green, San Jose. Please donate to our team or sign up to walk at <https://tinyurl.com/AlzTeamFUMCPA>. In coming weeks team members will be on the patio to answer questions. For questions now, contact Robert Lasater at [rlasater@hotmail.com](mailto:rlasater@hotmail.com).



**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!

### 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 September 1

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio  
12:00 PM **New Members Meeting**, Kohlstedt Hall

#### Monday September 2—Labor Day (Church Office Closed)

**Tuesday September 3**  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel  
7:00 PM **SPRC**, Millennium Room

**Wednesday September 4**  
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

**Thursday September 5**  
12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel  
8:00 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

**Sunday September 8**  
9:15 AM **Adult Bible Study**, Wesley Room  
9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery  
9:30 AM **Summer Choir Rehearsal**, Sanctuary  
9:45 AM **Rally Day Breakfast**, Patio Room  
10:45 AM **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**

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

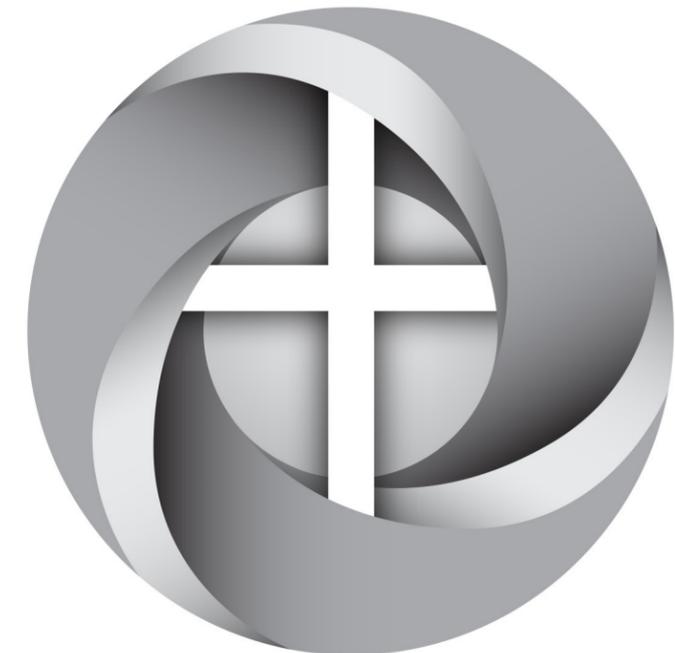
**Children's Sunday School** will resume in September after summer vacation.

**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

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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