

September 15, 2019
14th 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: Pamela Cutkosky

*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 / *O God Beyond All Praising (Thaxted)*
Robert Buckley Farlee

The Ushers distribute the Attendance Registers during the prelude.

Lighting the Candles

Welcome / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

WE SPEAK TO GOD

Choral Call to Worship / *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above*
Lloyd Pfautsch

*Call to Worship / Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: Mother God, we thank you for the gift of Life.

People: We are fearfully and wonderfully made in your image.

Leader: We are alive with Your Spirit.

People: Your Spirit calls us to be co-creators of the world.

Leader: With your Spirit we care for the air, sea and land.

All: With Your Spirit we care for one another and create your kingdom on earth.

*Hymn / *All Things Bright and Beautiful* / No. 147

Children's Moment / Pamela Cutkosky

2019 Stewardship Campaign / Lou Bellardo

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 / *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name* / Tom Fettke

GOD SPEAKS TO US

Scripture Reading / *Genesis 1:26-31* / Pamela Cutkosky

Old Testament p. 1; large print p. 2

*Hymn / *My Gratitude Now Accept, O God* / FWS No. 2044, v. 1-2

Sermon / *Dreams of the Tree of Life: Recipients of the Dream*

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opportunity to Join the Family of God

Sung Response / *My Gratitude Now Accept, O God* / v. 3-4

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering / Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory / *He Comes to Us as One Unknown (Repton)*

Robert J. Powell

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

*Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self / Pamela Cutkosky

Lord, look at what we have done with the gifts you have given us. Look how we have multiplied them for your glory. Amen.

WE SPEAK TO THE WORLD

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

*Benediction / Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia / No. 186, vs. 1

*Postlude / *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer (Cwm Rhondda)*
J. Bert Carlson



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 today's 40th Wedding Anniversary of Rick and Diane Allen.

Sidewalk Closure: Starting Monday, September 16th, the Webster Street sidewalk in front of our sanctuary will be closed for city repairs. During repairs, please enter the sanctuary and education building through the Hamilton or Byron street entrances. Thank you!



Next 125th Event: Dance Party!

Date: October 19

Time: 8-10 PM

Place: Fellowship Hall

Plan to join us for an evening of social dancing and mingling in celebration of First Palo Alto's 125th anniversary. Try your hand – or, feet – at the cha-cha and rumba. Cheer on the young dancers of First Tongan Church as they perform cultural dances. Meet some members of our community partner dance groups – Friday Night Waltz, Scandi Dance, Contra Dance and Wednesday Night Hop. Enjoy punch, hors d'oeuvres and sweets as you dance the night away!



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.....

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!

Social Media: 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.

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



LGBTQIA+ Prom: Are you interested in helping the Reconciling Ministries Committee plan a prom in Fellowship Hall for LGBTQIA+ youth in the community? Come to a meeting on **Sept 25 at 4-6 PM** in the Patio Room. All are welcome! Contact Caryn at ccranston50@gmail.com for more info.

Join us on **Sept 29** for our annual **Rise Against Hunger** meal packaging event. This is a fun and engaging service project with opportunities for all to participate. Come to the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 10:45 AM worship service. We will plan on starting lunch at **12:00 PM** and begin packaging at about 12:30 PM. See Emily King on the patio to sign up or contact her at emilylindblom@yahoo.com. We hope you can make it!



Indian Dinner: Pastor Debra and Sara Tierno invite you to an Indian dinner and cooking class on **Oct 6, 5-8 PM**. Ten slots are available, so RSVP as soon as you can! Contact Sara at sara@saratierno.com.



Walk to End Alzheimer's: Saturday, Oct 12, Please donate to our team or sign up to walk at <https://tinyurl.com/AlzTeamFUMCPA>. Team members will be on the patio to answer questions or take donations. You may also contact Robert Lasater at rlasater@hotmail.com or Linda Grossman at 650-814-8779 with questions.



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 Munyon

We lift the names of those who have passed away: Betty Veenker. A memorial will be held 9/21.

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.

Visitors Meet and Greet Reception: In honor of our visitors, on **Sunday, October 13, 12 to 1 PM** there will be a **Visitors Meet and Greet Reception** in Kohlstedt Hall. Whether you have visited one time or multiple times, you are invited to this event. This is an opportunity to meet each other as well as chat with Pastor Debra and members of the Church Council. The reception is for the whole family; childcare will be provided, and refreshments will be served. Please contact Paula McKinney with questions at paulamckinney3@gmail.com.

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 September 15

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chart**, Patio
11:45 AM **Couples Group**, Wesley Room

Monday September 16

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary

Tuesday September 17

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
7:30 PM **Finance Committee**, Patio Room

Wednesday September 18

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 19

12:00 PM **Noonday Prayer**, Chapel
6:30 PM **Handbells Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
8:00 PM **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Saturday September 21

11:00 AM **Betty Veenker Memorial**, Sanctuary

Sunday September 22

9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery
9:30 AM **Adult Bible Study**, 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 Pastor Debra, 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 for kids age 3 through 5th grade:

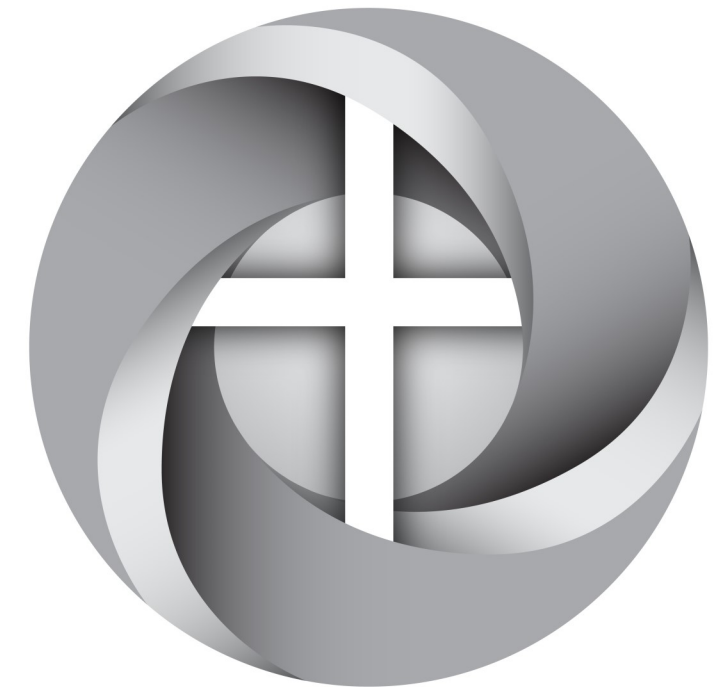
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

WELCOME

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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 PM

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