

February 2, 2020
4th Sunday After Epiphany

Good Morning! Malo e lava mai! Nisa bula vinaka!
 In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome, safe and cherished.

Presiding in worship: Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Lay Liturgist: Sumith 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 entryway.

10:45 a.m. Worship Celebration

Prelude *Adagio* Flor Peeters (1903-1986)
 Choral Introit *Let All the People Praise You* John Leavitt (b. 1956)
 Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
 Opening Hymn* *God of Grace and God of Glory* UMH 577
 Call to Worship* Sumith Kalas

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

People: We come to worship the one true God.

Leader: How will you worship?

People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Leader: Come, you who belong to God.

Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

All: Come, knowing you live in a just God's heart, now and forever.

Children's Hymn *Where Children Belong* FWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong,
Welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song:
This is where children belong.

Children's Moment Reverend Ann Duncan

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas
 Hymn Honoring Black History Month
My Tribute UMH No. 99, Andraé Crouch (1942—2015)

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
 The Lord's Prayer *adapted* / UMH 895

Our Creator, 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*

Please stand and greet your neighbor

Sung Response* *Shalom to You* UMH 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 *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*
 Sam Pottle (1934 – 1978)

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

With that deep hush subduing all
Our words and works that drown
The tender whisper of Thy call,
As noiseless let Thy blessing fall
As fell Thy manna down.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

Scripture Reading *Micah 6:1-8* Colleen Crangle
 Old Testament p. 816; large print p. 1060

Hymn* *O Love, How Deep* UMH, 267, v. 1-3

Sermon *What Does the Lord Require?* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Sung Response *O Love, How Deep* UMH, 267, v. 4-6

COMMUNION / See insert

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas
 Offertory *Trio on "Amazing Grace"* Joyce Jones (b. 1933)
 Doxology* *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
 Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self* Sumith Kalas

O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives—in places we often fail to recognize as blessings. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessings. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are, and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.

Closing Hymn* *What Does the Lord Require* UMH 441

Benediction* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia* UMH 186

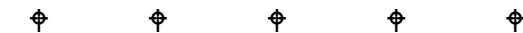
Postlude *Trumpet Tune in D Major* Jerry Westenkuehler (b. 1966)

All are invited to the Patio Room after service for the Social Action Committee's presentation on prison reform. Refreshments will be served.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God, and in honor of the San Francisco 49ers by Leslie Furney-Howe.



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Our Vision:

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Rev. Dr. Debra Murray, Senior Pastor
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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 10:45 a.m. worship service are available to borrow in the library or to purchase by contacting the church office.



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NOTEWORTHY NEWS.....

Sunday Announcement Guidelines: If you have an announcement you want to make on a Sunday or place in the Sunday bulletin, please email Charlotte at charlotte@firstpaloalto.com with your request.

Altar Flower Signups for 2020 are open on the Education Building bulletin board and online at <https://tinyurl.com/fumcpaflowers2020>. We are testing out a new online sign-up this year. Altar flowers cost \$70.

TODAY after church come to the Patio Room where you can learn about Parchman Prison from the Social Action Team and do something about it. Snack 'n Chat will be there.

Couples Group meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday. Next meeting: **TODAY**.

Great Decisions 2020: Please join us for this upcoming foreign policy discussion series Sunday nights **Feb 9 through March 29 at 7 PM**. Contact Tom Fingar at (tom.fingar@gmail.com) with questions. Books are \$25, contact Lou Bellardo (lou@bellardo.com) if you would like one. Additional materials and information are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/greatdec2020>



Valentine's Day Guessing Game: The church library's annual Valentine's Day Guessing Game starts **TODAY** and runs throughout February. This year's theme will be "Love the Whole World". You are allowed one guess per week. Winners will be chosen in children, youth and adult categories. A food item will be donated to the Downtown Streets Food Closet for every individual person who enters!

Sierra Service Project: Rev. Ann Duncan is exploring the idea of a group attending a summer mission opportunity with Sierra Service Project in **July**. The week-long trip is open to all congregants over the age of 12. It includes community and building projects in Smith River, CA and does not require any experience. If you are interested in a life-changing opportunity, please see Ann for more information.

Attn Parents of Children and Youth: Come say hello to Rev. Ann Duncan on **Sunday, Feb 9** after service in Kohlstedt Hall! Refreshments will be served and kids will be invited to make valentines.

Handbells rehearses **Thursdays at 6:30 PM** in the Sanctuary. We always welcome new members! Music reading skills are a plus, but not a necessity. Contact Jerry Johnson at jerisings@gmail.com.



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, Joanne Perry Mehri Namdarian, Robin Snyder, Orin & Jo Zimmerman, Kitty Baggott, Diane Mazuera's father, Tom Cousar (Patty & Lou Bellardo's nephew), Major Ross (Pastor Debra's brother), Marilyn Davis (Michele Conway's aunt), Merribeth May Munyon, Janni Yuen, Jean Cole, Frankie Campos, Kathy Kemp, Lou Ecroll
We lift the names of those who have passed away: Dawn Arkema (Marcia Sterling's niece), B.J. Coleman

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.

The Peninsula Peace & Justice Center will present "How the U.S. destroyed the Marshall Islands: a nuclear disaster", featuring contributions from members of the First Tongan Church of Palo Alto, on **Saturday, Feb 8** at the First Baptist Church of Palo Alto. The presentation will be led by Susanne Rust, LA Times Investigative Reporter. Please RSVP here: https://peaceandjustice.org/stec_event/marshall_islands/.



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 February 2

11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio Room
11:45 AM **Parchman Prison Presentation**, Patio Room
11:45 AM **Couples Group**, Wesley Room

Monday February 3

7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Wesley Room

Tuesday February 4

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

Wednesday February 5

10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House
6:00 PM **Community Soup Supper**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Contemporary Service**, Patio Room

Thursday February 6

9:30 AM **UMW Walking Group**, Off-site
6:30 PM **Handbell Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Saturday February 8

7:00 PM **Koinonia World Affairs Presentation**, Kohlstedt Hall

Sunday February 9

9:15 AM **Childcare**, Noah's Ark Nursery
9:30 AM **Adult Bible Study: You, The Bible, and Current Events**, 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 Reverend Ann Duncan, ann@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:

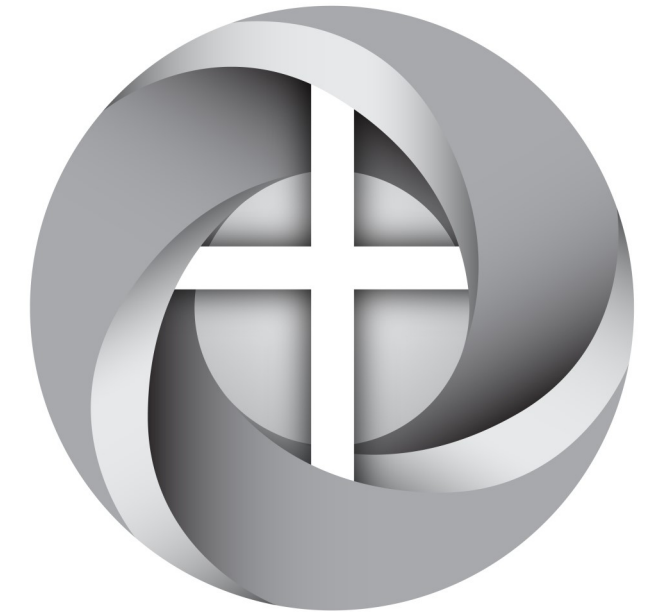
Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

YOFPA (Youth of First Palo Alto) for 6th-12th graders: Contact Rev. Ann Duncan for meeting details.

WELCOME

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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany



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SUNDAY 10:45 AM

WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM

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