

February 9, 2020
5th 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: Caryn Cranston

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 *Gather Us In* Jeffrey Honoré (b. 1956)
 Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
 Opening Hymn* *Gather Us In* FWS 2236
 Call to Worship* Caryn Cranston

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation!

People: Why should we be afraid?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our life!

People: What have we to fear?

Leader: Let us shout with joy to God!

All: Let us sing and make music before our God.

**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 worshiping 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 Caryn Cranston
 Hymn in Honor of Black History Month
There is a Balm in Gilead UMH 375, v. 1-2

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 *Ubi Caritas et Amor* John Leavitt (b. 1956)

Where charity and love are, God is there.
 Christ's love has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
 Let us hear, and let us love the living God.
 And may we love each other with a sincere heart.
 Where charity and love are, God is there.
 As we are gathered into one body,
 Beware, lest we be divided in mind.

Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease,
 And may Christ our God be in our midst.
 Where charity and love are, God is there.
 And may we with the blessed also
 Hear Thy words in glory, O Christ our God:
 With joy that is immense and good,
 Unto the ages through infinite ages.
 Amen.

Scripture Reading *Genesis 2:15-23* Diane Allen
 Old Testament p. 2; large print p. 2
 Hymn* *We Would See Jesus* UMH 256, v. 2, 4
 Sermon *Being Stretcher-Bearers* Reverend Ann Duncan
 Sung Response *We Would See Jesus* UMH 256, v. 5

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

Invitation to the Offering Caryn Cranston
 Offertory *Emerald Green* Robin Dinda (b. 1959)
 Doxology* *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
 Prayer of Dedication of Gifts & Self* Caryn Cranston
**O God, we have seen your glory, felt the touch of your love, and
 felt your presence with us. With joyful hearts, we offer you our
 gifts. Having heard your call, we offer you our lives and our
 service. Amen.**

Closing Hymn* *Where Charity and Love Prevail* UMH 549, v. 1-4
 Benediction* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
 Alleluia* UMH 186
 Postlude *Toccata on "Great Day"* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

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*All are invited to a time of refreshment and fellowship
 in Kohlstedt Hall after worship to welcome our new Director of
 Children, Youth & Family Ministries, Rev. Ann Duncan!*

*Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
 of Toby Williams by Alan Cooper and her family.*



**FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES:
 FEAR VS. FAITH**



Our Vision:
 The Children in Our Midst
 The Mission at Our Doorstep
 A Place of Hospitality and Grace

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Ann Duncan, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministries
 Diane Keller, Organist
 Mark Shaull, Director of Music
 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.**

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. As always, your generosity makes our mission possible! Thank you!

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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.

Ann Duncan Meet-n-Greet TODAY: Come say hello to Rev. Ann Duncan after service in Kohlstedt Hall! Refreshments will be served and kids will be invited to make valentines. All are encouraged to attend.

Great Decisions 2020 starts TODAY and runs Sundays through March 29 at 7 PM in Kohlstedt Hall. 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: FINAL DATE: 2/16! This year's theme is "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!

February's Multi-faith Peaceful Presence Service will be on **Tuesday, 2/11 at 7 PM** at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Palo Alto.

Couples Group meets every 1st & 3rd Sunday. Next meeting: **Feb 16.**

Ash Wednesday is Feb 26. We will start with a pancake supper at **6 PM** in the Patio Room followed by an Ash Wednesday Service in the sanctuary at **7 PM.**



Chancel Choir rehearses **Thursdays at 7:30 PM** in Kohlstedt Hall. Contact Mark Shaul: markshaul@gmail.com.

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:
B.J. Coleman, Richard Pike

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.

Food Collection: Please bring a non-perishable food item each week for the Downtown Streets Team Food Closet. Place your food item in one of the baskets in the Narthex. The food is delivered to the Food Closet. Items of particular need include: Vienna sausages, corn beef, microwaveable popcorn, instant coffee, apple cider and hot chocolate packets, baby food and formula, and any "open and eat" packages.



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 9
11:45 AM **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio Room
11:45 AM **Meet-n-Greet for Ann Duncan**, Kohlstedt Hall
7:00 PM **Great Decisions**, Kohlstedt Hall

Monday February 10
Insights Deadline
7:00 PM **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Wesley Room

Tuesday February 11
7:30 PM **Board of Trustees**, Patio Room

Wednesday February 12
10:00 AM **Bible Study**, Channing House
6:00 PM **Community Soup Supper**, Patio Room
7:00 PM **Contemporary Service**, Patio Room

Thursday February 13
6:30 PM **Handbell Rehearsal**, Sanctuary
7:30 PM **Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

Sunday February 16
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.

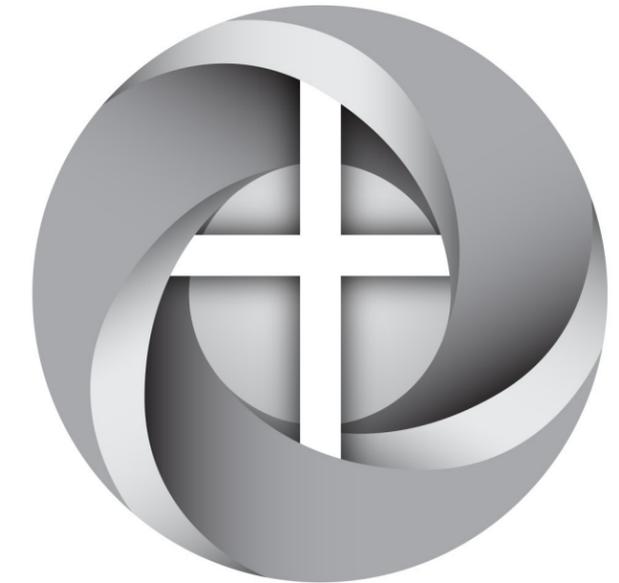
Children's Sunday School for kids age 3 through 5th grade: Sunday School is from 9:45 to 10:40 a.m. in the First School room (ages 3 through Kinder) and the Rainbow Room (grades 1 through 5).

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

WELCOME

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Fifth Sunday After Epiphany



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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP CELEBRATIONS:

SUNDAY 10:45 AM
WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM

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