

First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto

Sunday, March 29
Fifth Sunday in Lent

LENT

Forty Days of Preparation

10:45 Service

Prelude

What Wondrous Love is This?

Folk hymn
arr. Nancy Whitecar

FIUME di Musica

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 155 Vs., 1, 2, 4, & 6

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown Him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the Fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him Lord of all.
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and crown Him Lord of all.

3. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to Him all majesty ascribe,
and crown Him Lord of all.
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4. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all.
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown Him Lord of all.

Call to Worship

Pam Cutkosky, Lay Leader

Coming from places that have seen better days,

**God bids us to celebrate this day,
a day full of new possibilities.**

Coming with our breath taken away by grief,

**The Holy Spirit breathes new life within us,
renewing our connection with God
and with one another.**

Coming to worship seeking a hope that will endure,

**Christ unbinds the fetters that hold us in death,
speaking in word and sacrament,
and building community for holy service.**

Children's Moment

Rev. Ann Duncan

Pastoral Prayer

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Lord's Prayer

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

Pastoral Prayer

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God of life, present and promised, you are the One to whom we call:
for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts,
bringing us new life with your grace and love and power.
Lead us in this time of worship, that we may be prepared to follow your lead in
places where life is at risk—
places where hope seems far away,
places where dreams feel surrendered.

Forgive us, O God, when we stop seeing the world the way you seek it to be.
Forgive us, Holy One, when we forsake lively and risky faith.
Help us to hear anew your calling to be agents of change in our ever-changing
world.

Renew us with your grace and ground us with your Spirit, that we might be
empowered to live, in word and deed, as testimonies to the power of your love over
darkness and despair.

As a community of faith we feel confident to lift our concerns as well as our great
thanksgiving to you.

Hear our needs and joys as we share them with you:

Lord, hear our prayers and act in our lives.
Help us live the teachings we proclaim within this time of worship.
It is through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray aloud together...

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