



Sunday, June 7  
10:45 service

# First Sunday After Pentecost

## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Welcome		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Prelude	<i>Der Gondel Fahrer</i>	Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Introit	<i>Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above</i>	Lloyd Pfautsch (1921-2003)
Hymn	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i>	UMH 577

God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your power;  
crown your ancient church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

### Call to Worship

Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
who spoke in the beginning  
and created something out of nothing.**

Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
who took on the clothing of humanity  
to set those who were oppressed free.**

Let us worship the Triune God.  
**Let us worship the One  
whose Spirit rests continually upon us,  
calling us from sorrow-filled endings  
to bright new beginnings.**

Children's Moment

Reverend Ann Duncan

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Ann Duncan

Offertory Prayer

Reverend Ann Duncan

**God of love and peace, you created the vast universe! Through Christ your Son, you redeemed the world from human disobedience. Open our eyes to see the reflection of your image in each person. By your Spirit, inspire us to contribute to the flourishing of people, creatures, and the environment that you made to be very good indeed. Use these gifts and offerings to support our church's mission of hope and assistance for people in our wider community. We pray through our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Offertory

*As the Deer*

arr. Karen Thompson

Doxology

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH No. 94

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Dear Lord I offer this prayer of mourning and lament to you today because Black Lives Matter. Just when I think my weeping is over, a tsunami of grief overtakes me. Lord not only am I grieving, but our nation is grieving. We are grieving over the demonic actions we have witnessed in our local communities. Our souls and psyches have been etched with the sounds of the gasps of George Floyd's last breaths as he cried out for his Mother and to officer Chauvin "I can't breathe." We witnessed Ahmaud's last leisurely strides and heard his tennis shoes hit the pavement as he was gunned down by an off duty officer while jogging down the street. And we witnessed the bullet-ridden body of Breonna Taylor in her bed where she lay asleep during a no-knock warrant.*

*Lord we grieve for the thousands of other African American lives that have been murdered unnecessarily because of the pervasive and systemic police brutality and disregard for Black Life. We lift up the thousands more who have been murdered on and off camera yet have not received any attention or justice. We grieve for the millions who have been on the systemic conveyor belt of mass incarceration from stolen childhood to prisonhood. We ask that your loving comfort and mercy be upon their families and this nation. Lord, we have witnessed far too many unholy things this week.*

*Lord, we ask for your intervening mercy on the demonstrators who risk their lives to protest the acute on-chronic racism against Black and Brown Bodies in these yet to be United States. Lord, we pray for those protestors who were called thugs by the President and who felt his military assault of flash bombs and pepper spray. Lord, we grieve the raiding of disenfranchised communities and also grieve for those of privilege as we lift up the unrest within the world. We ask for your peace and guidance because all of your creation matters.*

*God, we know we cannot merely pray to you, to bring an end to injustice;  
For we have the power to create peace,  
We know we cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;  
For You have already given us the resources to feed the entire world.  
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;  
For You have already made us in your divine image with the eyes to see one another as ourselves,  
We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;  
For You have already given us innovation to redevelop our slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.*

*We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;  
For You have already given us scientific and homeopathic wisdom to cure and heal, if we would only use them constructively and not with greed.  
We cannot merely pray to You to transform our world for you have already given us power to do so  
Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power,  
To do  
instead of just pray,  
To become, instead of merely to wish.*

### 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.

Scripture

*Matthew 28:16-20*

Faith Veenker

Hymn

*When in Our Music God Is Glorified*

UMH 68

When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried,  
Hallelujah!

How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound  
Hallelujah!

So has the church, in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:  
Hallelujah!

And did not Jesus sing a Psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the Light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:  
Hallelujah!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always:  
Hallelujah! Amen.

Message

*Vaccinations for the Coronavirus: Discipleship*

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

## Communion Liturgy

Musical Setting E, UMH p. 24-25

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. (p. 25)

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

**(p. 25)**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, so that through them, we may be Christ's body alive in the world. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

**Amen. (p. 25)**

Closing Hymn

*Christ for the World We Sing*

UMH 568

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with loving zeal:  
the poor and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with fervent pray'r:  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost  
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with one accord:  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing;  
the world to Christ we bring  
with joyful song:  
the newborn souls whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia*

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Postlude

*Trumpet Tune in C Major*

Michael McCabe (b.1942)