

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## Sixth Sunday After Pentecost



**Sunday, July 12**  
**10:45 service**

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Call to Worship

Faithful God: we come to worship today, seeking your nurturing care.

**We come before you today, O God, trusting in your never-failing support.**

Merciful God: we come in reverent awe before you, asking that you hear us.

**We come before our God as we are hurting, and we lift our prayers to you.**

God of unfailing love: you are the God of comfort and compassion, and today we are in need of your blessings and guidance.

**We come before God today because "...You alone are God... You are great and perform wonderful deeds..." Let us worship God!**

Introit

*I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Eugene Butler

Prelude

*Concerto Grosso (Allegro, Allegro )*

Georg Frederic Handel (1685-1750)

Fiume di Musica

Hymn

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

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Favorite Hymn - Jerry Johnson

I sing the mighty power of God  
that made the mountains rise,  
that spread the flowing seas abroad  
and built the lofty skies.

I sing the wisdom that ordained  
the sun to rule the day;  
the moon shines full at his command,  
and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
that filled the earth with food;  
he formed the creatures through the Word  
and then pronounced them good.

Lord, how they wonders are displayed,  
where'er I turn my eye,  
if I survey the ground I tread  
or gaze upon the skies.



There's not a plant or flower below  
but makes thy glories known,  
and clouds arise and tempests blow  
by order from thy throne;  
while all that borrows life from thee  
is ever in thy care,  
and everywhere that we can be,  
thou, God, art present there.

Children's Moment

*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Anthem

*Hear Me, Redeemer*

Henry Mollicone (1946)

Dedicated to First United Methodist Church Chancel Choir - 1979

Katie Bartholomew, soprano and Mark Shaull, baritone

Hear me, Redeemer. Send down your love to cleanse my soul.  
Lord of Lords, wash away my sinful ways, Show me the power of your love!  
Lord of Lords, Shine your light through all my days,  
Show me the power of your love!  
Hear me Redeemer, Send down your love to cleanse my soul.  
Mighty God, take my hand and lead the way, Show me the power of your love!  
Mighty God let me praise You every day.  
Hear me, Redeemer. Send down your love to cleanse my soul.

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Merciful Savior, we are grateful to you for the gift of life that you have given us today. We ask for your guidance as to how we should use this precious present of your love wisely. We are thankful for your mercy and grace, which never sentences us to serve the penalty for our sins, but rather you lavishly mete loving mercy and unprecedented forbearance. We pray amidst these non wavering anchors that fasten our faith securely to our souls. We turn boldly to you and lift up these concerns in prayer.

Gracious Lord, we turn to you during this hour of masked faces that have cancelled our personalities and unmasked our fears. We turn to you during an hour where more ghosts roam the hallways of schools and office buildings than people. We turn to you amidst the sweltering silence and absence of hoops and hoola hoops, squeals and shrills at parks, playgrounds, and swimming pools on even the hottest days of summer. We turn to you, O Lord during a time where vacant hotels turn away guests and turn out their welcome lights. We turn to you O Lord, during a time where first responders stand dripping with sweat and blood, mouths agape from the horror of the moment, while others swirl wine and laughter in outdoor restaurants. We turn to you amidst amusement park closures, amidst the roller coaster ride of the 'Dow'. Merciful Lord, we turn to you as the number of coronavirus infections double in some states and the jobless rate reflects the stress of more than 3 million people in the United States infected with the coronavirus. We turn to you as our global sins against the land, air, water, galaxies and one another lie before us. We turn to you amidst running indoors to escape the outdoor virus only to learn by the W.H.O. that prolonged exposure indoors may make us vulnerable to an airborne indoor virus. We turn to you because Black Lives Matter amidst overwhelming evidence. We turn to you because you are our Resurrection. You rose from the dead and have given us the same resurrecting power to rise from the sin of even these circumstances. Forgiving Christ, we turn to you because you are our Creator and have given us that same inventive power to create newness from the barrenness around us. We turn to you because we can, and you will always be here with us. Amidst our lives of panic, and paradox, create peace, provision and paths to a new heaven, a new earth, and a new people for eternity.





## Lord's Prayer

Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

Scripture *Romans 6:1-11* Jeff King

Hymn *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375  
Favorite Hymn - Paula McKinney

### Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead  
to make the wounded whole.  
There is a balm in Gilead  
to heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
and think my work's in vain,  
but then the Holy Spirit  
revives my soul again. (Refrain)

Don't ever feel discouraged,  
for Jesus is your friend,  
who, if you ask for knowledge,  
will never fail to lend. (Refrain)

Message Reverend Ann Duncan

Invitation to the Offering Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Faithful God, we worship you with grateful hearts, for you have brought us from death to life! We stand awed in the presence of your forgiveness and grace. Help us to share your loving kindness every day. By your Spirit, may our church's ministries bring hope and new life to our neighbors near and far. We dedicate these tithes and offerings in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory *Trio on "Let All Things Now Living"* Don Freudenberg (b. 1939)

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





Closing Hymn

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
Favorite Hymn - Mike McCartney

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Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Op'ning to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus,  
Which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
Victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward  
In the triumph song of life.

Benediction

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*Alleluia*

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Postlude

*Galleries ancien*

Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

