

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, August 9
10:45 service



Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Aria from Cantata 48 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Fiume di Musica ~ In Loving Memory of Mary Kiki Wilcox

Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77 vs 1 & 2

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee
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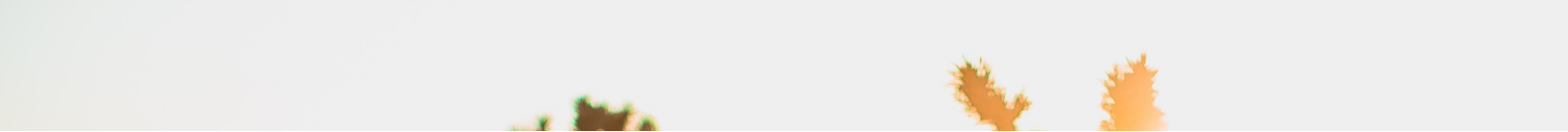
When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

Life of the Community

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord!
Sing praise to God's name!

The Lord has done wonderful things for us!
The Lord has heaped blessing upon blessing in our lives!



Come, sing, shout, and give thanks to God.
In all our ways, we will continually thank God forever.

Children's Moment

Reverend Ann Duncan

Anthem

Show Me Thy Ways

Walter Pelz (1926-19)

Julianne Stafford, Oboe

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me. For thou art the God of my salvation, and on thee do I wait all the day.


Psalms 25:4-5

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Loving God, we come to you today as children to a parent, eager to share their joys and concerns. We are grateful to open our eyes to the dawning of another day. The 156,000 COVID-19 related deaths remind us of the value and worth of our existence. We ask you to comfort the loved ones left feeling the grief of their loss and absence of their presence. Resurrect memories of their love together and assurance of your love for them today and forever. Almighty God, we thank you for the prophets who have gone to sleep but rested not in the wake of injustice. Be with us as you were with them. Allow us to take up where they left off in ushering in the kingdom of God on earth.

Loving God, we thank you for the opportunity to be a Christian and a member of the Beloved Community, and the resurrection power it holds. We thank you for giving us the gift of grit and resilience to relentlessly pursue love and justice for all. We delight in healing the hurting, feeding the hungry, and providing shelter for the homeless. May we tirelessly exercise our voting rights to remove the people and policies which threaten them. Allow us to get in good trouble, the necessary trouble, to pull down all the strongholds of evil. May we protest them nonviolently. And when we are weary and cannot see our way forward, after we have done all that we can do, loving Savior, send us angels to revive our souls, and refresh our spirits. Renew our minds and restore us with your tender mercy and loving grace. For it is your desire to give us the kingdom. Amen.





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 *Joshua 4:1-7, Genesis 11:1-9*

Hymn *How Can I Keep From Singing* FWS 2212, vs 1, 2, 3

My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn
That hails a new creation

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that refuge clinging
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing?

Message *Overcoming Uncomfortable Conversations: New Rules for a New Reality*
Christina Bellardo, Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

With great joy, we present these tithes and gifts for the ministry of this church. May they reach a world that hungers and thirsts for love and peace. Be with each of us as we, too, commit ourselves to lives of joyful, thankful service. In Jesus' name, Amen.





Offertory	<i>Toccatina for Flute</i>	Pietro A. Yon (1886-1943)
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Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH No. 94
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Closing Hymn	<i>Worship the King</i>	UMH 73, vs 1, 3, 4
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O worship the King,
all glorious above,
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love;
Our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor,
and girded with praise.

They earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast
by a changeless decree
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care,
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

Benediction	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
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Receive the Good news of Jesus Christ. You have been embraced by the love of God, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and blessed by Jesus to go into this world to offer healing and hope. Go in peace.
Amen.

<i>Alleluia</i>	UMH 186
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Postlude	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i>	Richard Elliott (b. 1957)
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