

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
RALLY DAY

Sunday, September 13
10:45 service



Good morning! Please sign our virtual attendance pad by clicking [here](#).

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Presto from the Concerto for Viola and English Horn

George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

Fiume di Musica

Introit

Come, Sing to the Lord

Douglas Wagner (b.1952)

Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

Life of the Community

Call to Worship

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe,
in ordinary days of work and play:
in every moment, God is with us.

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud,
or standing on faith's shoreline:
in every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us
and those who trouble us;
in those who surprise us,
and those who forgive us:
in every person, God is with us.

Children's Moment

Reverend Ann Duncan

Pastoral Prayer

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

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.
And deliver us from evil,
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 18:21-25

Message

Seventy-Seven Times?!

Reverend Ann Duncan

Hymn

This Is My Song

UMH 437

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine;
this is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine:
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are everywhere as blue as mine:
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms
Thy kingdom come; on earth they will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Anthem *I Will Celebrate* William Mathias (1934-1992)

Offertory Prayer

Lord, you have blessed our lives in so many ways. In gratitude for all these blessings and in confidence that our gifts will be used for ministries of peace and hope, we offer these gifts. Receive them as we work with a larger community for reconciliation and love. Amen.

Offertory *Trio in G minor* Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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

Closing Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
All who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Benediction Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Receive the good news of Jesus the Christ in Benediction. As Christ has shown mercy upon us redeeming us with his life, go and redeem one another.

Alleluia UMH 186

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God (from Cantata #79)*
Johann Sebastian Bach (1681-1750)
arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Virtual Coffee & Chat

Join us after the service for a virtual coffee chat! All are welcome.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86909229340>

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