

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday, September 27
10:45 service



Good morning! Please click [here](#) if you would like to submit a prayer request.

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Melody

Brenda Portman (b.1980)

Introit

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Lloyd Pfautsch

Hymn

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

UMH 339 v. 1, 2, 5

Come, sinners, to the gospel feast;
let every soul be Jesus' guest.
Ye need not one be left behind,
for God hath bid all humankind.

This is the time, no more delay!
This is the Lord's accepted day.
Come thou, this moment, at his call,
and live for him who died for all.

Sent by my Lord, on you I call;
the invitation is to all.
Come, all the world! Come, sinner, thou!
All things in Christ are ready now.

Life of the Community

Call to Worship

In the prayers and the praise,
in the words and the wonder:
we are given enough joy to live each day.



In the justice for the oppressed,
in the unexpected generosity for the lost:
**we are given enough compassion
to use in service each day.**

In the promises made to all,
in the mercy offered to each:
we are given enough grace to share each day.

Children's Moment

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 20:1-16*

Message *A Very Generous God*

Reverend Ann Ducan

Hymn *Jesus Lover of My Soul*

UMH 479, vs. 1, 4

Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'til the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last!

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Anthem

Forever Blessed Is He Who Serves the Lord

George Frideric Handel





Offertory Prayer

O God, we rejoice that you invite everyone to a place of purpose in your kingdom. Through Christ, your Son, you give us a vision of the world as your vineyard, where each person can contribute the gifts you have given. Free us from envy and comparing our circumstances to others. Give us strength by your Spirit to live joyfully as generous servants of your realm. We present your tithes and our offerings with thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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

Closing Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UMH 731 1, 2, 4

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode;
on the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
Makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.

See the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove;
who can faint while such a river
ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

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 *Allelujah* Gerard Bunk (1888-1958)

Virtual Coffee & Chat

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

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

Please message Paula McKinney or Pastor Ann for the password.

