

Laity Sunday



Sunday, October 18
10:45 service

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

Welcome

Pamela Cutkosky

Prelude

Paraphrase on "Amazing Grace" Hans-Andre Stamm (b. 1958)

Introit

Alleluia! Praise God In His Holy Temple René Clausen (b. 1953)

Hymn

God of Love, and God of Power

UMH 578 1, 3, 4

God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.

Refrain:

God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
(Refrain)

God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
(Refrain)

Call to Worship

Diane & Rick Allen

Leader: Please join me in the Call to Worship.

Leader: We are people of God, created to love.

Response: We will love the Lord our God with heart, soul, mind and strength.





Leader: We are people of God determined to love.

Response: We will love our neighbors and treat them as we would be treated.

Leader: We love neither from a sense of obligation nor to gain popularity or favor.

Response: We choose to love both the lovely and the unlovable because love imitates God's nature.

All: For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Life of the Community

Children's Moment

Hope Crockett

Prayer of the People

Mira Dabrowski

Hear the Prayer of the People.

We come before you today, O God, asking for the courage to live more committed lives.

Make us like Joshua, who declared that he and his household would serve the Lord no matter what others might do.

Make us like the early disciples, who were willing to risk all that they had for the cause of the Risen Christ.

Make us like Ruth, who insisted that the ways of God and the people of God were worth leaving her old way of life.

Give us courage to act as people who know the ways of God, as our world suffers from disease, political strife, inequality, bigotry, discrimination, oppression.

Give us courage to live as people who belong to God, so that the world might know your salvation and your love for humankind.

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem

*I Will Not Leave You Comfortless
Like A Shepherd*

William Byrd (1543-1623)
Carl J. Nygard (b. 1947)

Scripture

Ruth 1:16-18

Louisa King





Hymn

God Will Take Care of You

UMH 130, v. 1, 4

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you. (Refrain)

Refrain:
God will take care of you,
Through ev'ry day,
O'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.

Message

"The Blessings of Kindness and Commitment"

Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

Joe Marshall

Oh God, we know that all we have is yours. With kindness in our hearts, and sure in the knowledge that you will continue to bless us as your people, we give these tithes and gifts to support the work of your church in Palo Alto. Following the example of Ruth, we commit ourselves wholly and unreservedly to you – we're all in, Lord. We have so much work to do – to heal the sick, to salve the hurt of injustice and oppression, to bring people together in this time of isolation and fear. We pray that our gifts, through the efforts of the people of this church, will further the creation of your kingdom on Earth. Amen.

Offertory

What A Friend We Have in Jesus

Robert A. Hobby (b. 1962)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord is King

UMH 715 vs. 1, 2, 4

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home:
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus, the Savior, reigns,
The God of truth and love;
When He has purged our stains,
He took his seat above;
Lift up your heart,
Lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!



Benediction

Pamela Cutkosky

Receive this as your benediction: We are all one people, committed to serving God. Where God leads us, we go, with courage and the knowledge that God is always with us. This week, practice kindness, and may your kindness be rewarded. Go all in, and may the Lord bless you.

Alleluia

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Postlude

Glory to God on High

John Longhurst (b.1940)

Virtual Coffee & Chat

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

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124350936>

Please message Paula McKinney or Pastor Ann for the password.

