

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 20
10:45 service



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

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Toccata on *Angels We Have Heard On High*

Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

Processional Hymn

O Come, All Ye Faithful

No. 234 arr. James Biery

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb
Very God
Begotten, not created
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God
All glory in the highest
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning
Jesus, to Thee be glory given
Word of the Father
Now in flesh appearing
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord!

Life of the Community

The Joy of Giving

Call to Worship

One: I knew joy, but when I heard the laugh of a child,

All: Suddenly, joy was overflowing.

One: I knew love, but when you held my hand,

All: Suddenly, love was overflowing.

One: I knew God, but when you showed me grace, when you forgave me, when you loved me, when you raised me,

All: Suddenly, God was overflowing.

One: So, let us worship Holy God together

As a reminder that God is here and we are never alone.

All: This is a community.

One: This is the body of Christ.

All: Welcome home.

Lighting the Advent Candle

Joe Marshall

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

UMH 211 vs 4

A: I dream of music that makes my heart swell.

B: I dream of trees that take my breath away.

A: I dream of sunrises that wrap me in light.

B: I dream of family dinners that feel like home.

A: I dream of church services that give me hope.

B: I dream of love as the default.

A: So today, as we draw near to Christmas day, we light the candle of love.

Children's Moment

Anthem

Gloria in Excelsis Deo

Kevin Memley

Chancel Choir, Guest LAHS Main Street Singers 2015-16, Organ, Brass and Percussion

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Scripture

Luke 1:26-45

Diane Allen



Hymn

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light

UMH 223

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light,
and usher in the morning.
O shepherds, shrink not with affright,
but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy,
our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking,
our peace eternal making.

This night of wonder, night of joy,
was born the Christ, our brother.
He comes, not mighty to destroy,
to bid us love each other.
How could he quit his high estate
for such a world of greed and hate?
What deep humiliation
secured the world's salvation!

Come, dearest child, into our hearts,
and leave your crib behind you!
Let this be where the new life starts
for all who seek and find you.
To you be honor, thanks, and praise,
for all your gifts this time of grace.
Come conquer and deliver
this world, and us, forever.

Message

Those who dream... are not alone (love)

Colleen Crangle

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, We not alone. You are near to each of us and you are love. Let the gifts we bring to this community of faith sow this love. We give in love. Amen.

Offertory

Prelude on Ding Dong Merrily on High

Andrew E. Unsworth (b. 1970)

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

Joy to the World

No. 246 arr. Robert Hobby

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.



No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

Benediction

Alleluia

UMH 186

Postlude

Toccatina on *Joy to the World*

Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Virtual Coffee & Chat

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

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

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