

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

First Sunday After Christmas

Sunday, December 27
10:45 service



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

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Prelude

Angels We Have Heard on High

Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Processional Hymn

Angels from the Realms of Glory

UMH 220

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:

Saints, before the altar bending
watching long hope and fear;
suddenly the Lord descending,
in his temple shall appear [Refrain]

Refrain:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing;
yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]

Sages, leave your contemplations,
brighter visions beam afar;
seek the great Desire of nations;
ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]

Life of the Community

The Joy of Giving

Call to Worship

One: Here on the heels of Christmas,

All: We speak of love.

One: We speak of joy.

All: We speak of candle light and fireside.

One: We speak of dreams being fulfilled.

All: We speak of “glorias” and angel choruses.

One: We speak the words, “Do not be afraid.”

All: Here on the heels of Christmas, We are called to speak, for the world needs a light.

One: A light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

All: Let us worship and listen. Then, let us speak. Amen.

Children’s Moment

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 2:22-40

Hymn

Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine

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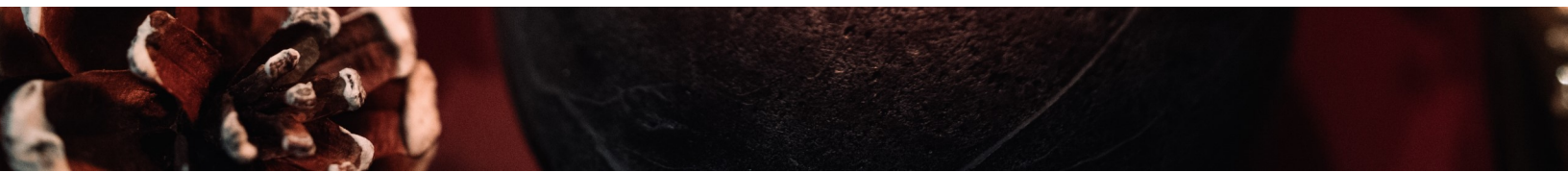
Joseph dearest, Joseph mine,
help me cradle the child divine;
God reward thee and all that’s thine
in paradise,
so prays the mother Mary.

Refrain:

He came among us at Christmastime,
at Christmastime, in Bethlehem;
let us bring him from far and wide
Love’s diadem: Jesus, Jesus,
lo, he comes, and loves, and saves, and frees us!

Gladly, dear one, lady mine,
help I cradle this child of thine;
God’s own light on us both shall shine
in paradise,
as prays the mother Mary. [Refrain]

All shall come and bow the knee;
wise and happy their souls shall be,
loving such a divinity,
as all may see
in Jesus, Son of Mary. [Refrain]



Message

Those Who Dream... will not keep silent

Sandra Florstedt

Introduction to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

Lord of Peace and Hope, we thankfully give these generous gifts as an expression of all that you have given us. As the prophets foretold, your son was born for us. We humbly acknowledge that of all the gifts we have received, your gift of a babe in a manger, is the one that truly matters. We prayerfully ask you to increase our ability to live out our God-given dreams and to help others discover anew your love. Amen.

Offertory

Bring A Torch, Jeannette Isabella

Christopher Uehlein

Anthem

Beside Thy Cradle Here I Stand

Johan Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Beside the cradle here I stand
O Thou that ever livest
Accept me, 'tis my mind and heart
My soul, my strength, my ev'ry part
That thou from me requirest.

And bring Thee with a willing hand
The very gifts Thou givest
Accept me, 'tis my mind and heart
My soul, my strength, my ev'ry part
That thou from me requirest.

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 94

Closing Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

UMH 251

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain
Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night
Behold throughout the heavens
There shone a holy light [Refrain]

The shepherds feared and trembled
When lo! Above the Earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Savior's birth [Refrain]

Down in a lowly manger
Our humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation
That blessed Christmas morn [Refrain]

Benediction

Alleluia

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Postlude

Bring A Torch, Jeanette Isabella

Keith Chapman (1945-1989)

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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