



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY AUGUST 15
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude	Presto from the <i>Concerto for Viola and English Horn</i> George Philipp Telemann (1681-1767) Fiume di Musica	
Welcome		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Introit	<i>Come, Sing to the Lord</i>	Douglas Wagner (b. 1952)
Processional Hymn	<i>O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	UMH 57 v. 1-4

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

Scott Thomas & Lucy Tompkin

Holy One, Light of the World, you help us to see and find our way in this time. Open us this day to a vision of the world made all-right, so that we might alight our own lives to show forth your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

We praise you for your steadfast presence, holding our lives together in love. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

It's Prayer time, a time when we lift our prayers and concerns to the Lord. I invite you to ask those in your household to join us in prayer. If you are watching by yourself, please remember that you are not alone. I am here with you, and so is Christ.

During our series on the psalms, I ask you to pray with me in the following manner. I will offer a category of concern and we will allow a brief pause, then we will respond as indicated. As a prayer posture for this worship series, I invite you to cup your hands, ready to receive God's love and peace, and in preparation to be God's love and peace in the world.

Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...
Repeat after me: **God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...
Repeat after me: **Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...
Repeat after me: **Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...
Repeat after me: **Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who live in comfort, for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...
Repeat after me:
Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.

Lord, I thank you for these intercessors who bring their talents, tithes, and time to transform the world with the love of Jesus Christ. Bless them according to their purpose and your riches in glory. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 Celebrate* William Mathias (1934-1992)

Scripture *Psalm 147*

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 clover-leaf and pine.
But other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, though God of all the nations
A song for 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, though God of all the nations;
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

Message *We Wait, We Hope, We Stay* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer Lucy Tompkin

Eternal God, our time in this life is limited, and our days are numbered. Yet you have reminded us that if we are wise and use that time well, you have an eternity waiting for us that is beyond our imagining. Help us to focus on what we have, and what we can share, and how the gifts we offer this day can bless others until we are joined with them and your children give you their thanks and gratitude for the rest of eternity. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory	<i>Trio in G Minor</i>	Joseph Rheinberger (1839-1901)
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH No. 95
Closing Hymn	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty</i>	UMH 139 v. 1, 2, 3

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

Praise to the Lord who will 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, who o'er all thing so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings, yea so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia

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/81124350936>
Please message Paula McKinney for the password.