



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY AUGUST 22
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude

Poco Andantino

Cesar Franck (1822-1890)

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Processional Hymn

Rise, Shine You People

UMH 187 v. 1-3

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling, your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling. To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Life of the Community

Call to Worship

Orlene & Tom Fingar

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place.
Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. 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 *Al Shlosa D'varim* Allan E. Naplan (b. 1972)

Scripture *Psalm 50* Tom Fingar

Hymn *Open My Eyes, That I May See* UMH 454

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Message *The One That is Shining Forth* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering Orlene & Tom Fingar

Offertory Prayer

God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. It is this battle that sends children to bed with empty bellies, while others have so much food it damages their health. It is the battle that imprisons those whose only crime is poverty, while those with more than they could ever spend lose sleep scheming how to get more. As we make our gifts to you this day, may we remember on which side we're on. In the precious, loving name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 95

Offertory

He Leadeth Me

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Closing Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

Benediction

Alleluia

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude

Come, Thou Fount

Jason D. Payne (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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