



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Melody* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Introit *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* Eugene Butler (b. 1935)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Processional Hymn *God is Here* UMH 660, v. 1 & 4

God is here! As we your people
meet to offer praise and prayer,
may we find in fuller measure
what it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us,
all our varied skills and arts
wait the coming of the Spirit
into open minds and hearts.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom,
in an age of change and doubt
keep us faithful to the gospel;
help us work your purpose out.
Here, in this day's dedication,
all we have to give, receive;
we, who cannot live without you,
we adore you! We believe!

Life of the Community

Call to Worship Orlene & Tom Fingar

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?
We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.
Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?
We long to learn the ways of wisdom and righteousness.
Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?
We long to live lives of holiness and light.
God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.
Come near, people of God! Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

Pastoral Prayer

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 *Hear Me, Redeemer* Henry Mallicome (b. 1946)

Scripture *James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a* Jeff King

Hymn *Blessed Jesus at Thy Word* UMH 596

Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee solely.

Glorious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart;
help us by thy spirit's pleading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

Message Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer Orlene & Tom Fingar

Gracious God, grant us the grace to be extravagant in the gifts we give to you. Help us be wise and just in how we live with the resources we keep. Guide us in the way to lives that bear the fruit that is pleasing to you: lives full of mercy and compassion. Free us from envy and selfish ambition that leads us away from you, that we might draw near to you. We pray in the love and hope that is Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Doxology *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH No. 95

Offertory *The Ash Grove* Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Closing Hymn *Every Time I Feel the Spirit* UMH 404

Refrain:
Every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.
Yes, every time I feel the spirit
moving in my heart, I will pray.

Jordan river runs right cold,
chills the body, not the soul.
Ain't but one train on this track,
runs to heaven and right back. (Refrain)

Upon the mountain, my Lord spoke,
out his mouth came fire and smoke.
All around me looks so shine,
ask my Lord if all was mine. (Refrain)



Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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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