



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 26
10:45 AM SERVICE

Stewardship Slideshow

Prelude

Flute of Grace

Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1948)

Introit

Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

Lloyd Pfautsch

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Processional Hymn

Many Gifts, One Spirit

UMH 114

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
When we fear the future,
Give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
Give us still the grace to praise.

Refrain:
Many gifts, one Spirit,
One love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
From diversity we praise
One Giver, one Lord,
One Spirit, one Word
Known in many ways,
Hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
Praise, praise, praise!

God of many colors,
God of many signs,
You have made us different,
Blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
Let your love cast out our fear.

Refrain

Freshness of the morning,
Newness of each night,
You are still creating
Endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
Many gifts from one great heart.

Refrain

Life of the Community

VirtuAll Voices

Wana Baraka

Stewardship Campaign

All That We've Done

Tom Fingar

Call to Worship

Charlotte & Pamela Cutkosky

Are any among you suffering?

Then let us pray.

Are any cheerful?

Then let us sing songs of praise.

Are any among you sick?

Then let us turn to each other for God's healing touch.

The prayer of faith will save us

And God will lift us up.

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

What Shall I Render?

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Jerri Johnson

Hymn

What Gift Can We Bring

UMH 87

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

VirtuAll Voices

How Great is Our God

Message

The Power of Together

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer

Pamela Cutkosky

God of the beginning, God of now, and God of what will be; in your claiming us as your own, you have given us the most gracious and powerful invitation – to pray to lift all that weighs on our hearts, with the confidence that you will hear. As we offer gifts to you this morning, we pray that you will dedicate them so that they might bring love, compassion, joy, and mercy to people who are in need. Then remind us that we are not done until we have offered to you the prayers of our hearts. In the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Doxology

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH No. 95

Offertory

Nun danket alle Gott

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Closing Hymn

Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love

UMH 566

Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.

Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.

O may we ever walk in him,
and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem,
but Jesus crucified!

We all are one who him receive,
and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of unity!

Partakers of the Savior's grace,
the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
nor life, nor death can part.

Benediction

Alleluia

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude

Voluntary on *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Joyce Jones (b. 1933)

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.