



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Verset* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Processional Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

Children's Moment

Life of the Community

VirtuAll Voices *What a Beautiful Name*

Stewardship Campaign

Hymn *Bless Thou the Gifts* UMH 141

Call to Worship

Listen, for the voice of God comes near!
Listen, for God's voice is not obtrusive.
We come to worship the God who became one of us,
Who calls us by name,
Who is Love Incarnate,
Who is!
Let us gather together in joy and hope –
Let us worship the God of Love!

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>Many Gifts, One Spirit</i>	Allen Pote
Scripture	<i>Matthew 19:13-14</i>	Joe Marshall
Hymn	<i>Children of the Heavenly Father</i>	UMH 587
	Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather; nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.	Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever; unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.
	God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish; from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.	Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh; his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.
Message	<i>Focusing on Friendship</i>	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory Prayer		
God of the cosmos and God of every heartbeat: Your work touches every corner of creation; yet, when times are hard, we wonder if you've deserted us, and we become tight-fisted and fearful that sharing with others will leave us empty handed. As we bring these gifts to your altar, give us the eyes to see and the hearts to know that you never desert us and never send us away in need. In the name of your Son who came to remind us of your closeness and to give his life so that ours might be eternal. Amen.		
Offertory	<i>Holy Manna</i>	Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH No. 95
Closing Hymn	<i>O Church of God, United</i>	UMH 547
	O church of God, united to serve one common Lord, proclaim to all one message, with hearts in glad accord. Christ ever goes before us; we follow day by day with strong and eager footsteps along the upward way.	Though creeds and tongues may differ, they speak, O Christ, of thee; and in thy loving spirit we shall one people be. Lord, may our faithful service and singleness of aim proclaim to all the power of thy redeeming name.
	From every land and nation the ordered ranks appear; to serve one valiant leader they come from far and near. They chant their one confession, they praise one living Lord, and place their sure dependence upon his saving word.	May thy great prayer be answered that we may all be one, close bound, by love united in thee, God's blessed Son: to bring a single witness, to make the pathway bright, that souls which grope in darkness may find the one true light.
Benediction		
Alleluia		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Postlude	<i>Triumphant Trumpet</i>	Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)