



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY OCTOBER 24
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* Marcel Dupre (1886-1871)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Processional Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* UMH 126

1) Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

2) The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

3) Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4) Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Children's Moment

Life of the Community

VirtuAll Voices *You Are Holy*

Stewardship Campaign *Music & Worship in New Spaces & Places* VirtuAll Voices, Rick Zeek
Sandra Wilson, Colleen Crangle

Call to Worship Colleen Crangle

Blessed be God! Praise to the Father of Lord Jesus Christ!
In Christ we are blessed, in Christ we are chosen **to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**
In Christ we belong in the family, adopted **to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**
In Christ the great mystery of God is revealed; **to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**
In Christ we are called to be blameless and free, **to live in the praise of his glorious grace!**
Blessed be God! Praise to the Father of Lord Jesus Christ!

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Creator who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name. Your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Anthem *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Eleanor Daley

Scripture *Luke 1:39-55* Joe Witte

Hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* UMH 68

1) When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried
Alleluia!

4) And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night
when utmost evil strove against the light?
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight:
Alleluia!

2) How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!

5) Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always
Alleluia!

3) So has the church in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue,
Alleluia!

VirtuAll Voices *Come As You Are*

Message *Focus on Friendship* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory Prayer Colleen Crangle

Extravagantly Generous God, there is nothing we have, there is nothing we require, there is nothing we long for that does not pale when placed beside the relationship you've offered to us. As we bring our gifts to you, remind us of the covenant you put before Israel: "If they will be my people I will be their God." Receive what we give in gratitude for your invitation, and help us be your people, reflected in our love for you and for all your children. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who gave all there was to give for us. Amen.

Offertory *Toccatina on Nettleton* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

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

Closing Hymn *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* UMH 89

1) Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

3) Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

2) All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

4) Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction

Alleluia Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude *Toccatina on Psalm 150* Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)