



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

First Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 28

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Daniel E. Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Welcome

*Processional Hymn

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

UMH 211, v. 1, 4, 6, 7

1. O come, O come, Immanuel,
and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.

4. O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree,
an ensign of they people be.
Before thee rulers silent fall,
all peoples on they mercy call.
(Refrain)

6. O come, thou Dayspring come and cheer,
our spirits by thy justice here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight
(Refrain)

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind.
From dust thou brought us forth to life;
deliver us from earthly strife.
(Refrain)

Life of the Community

Joy of Giving

Nancy Glaser

*Call to Worship

Colleen Crangle

Something stirs deep within us – a longing, a hope,
A thirst for joy, a hunger for peace, a yearning for blessing.
We know deep within that our hopes and fears
Will be met by angel songs and baby sighs.
It is Advent -
Season of waiting, hoping, yearning.
Advent - Time to go home.

*Advent Candle Lighting

Hope

Kalas Family

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.

Special Music

Advent Cry
Grace Carland, soprano

Joseph Martin

Scripture	<i>Jeremiah 33:14-16</i>	Sandra Florstedt
Hymn	<i>Tell Me the Stories of Jesus</i>	UMH 277
<div> <div>1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.</div> <div>2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee, and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me; words full of kindness, deeds full of grace, all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.</div> <div>3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band, waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand; one of his heralds, yes, I would sing loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"</div> </div>		
Message	<i>Tell Me a Story</i>	Diane Allen
Invitation to the Offering		Diane Allen
Offertory Prayer		Colleen Crangle
<p>Holy God of new beginnings, as we share our tithes and offerings with you, we are filled with hope. We enter the season of Advent with expectation; we have left behind us a time of fear, isolation, and uncertainty; and we raise our heads because we know our redemption is coming near. May our gifts be dedicated to help heal the brokenness of our world and to welcome our Messiah into the world once again. In Christ, we pray. Amen.</p>		
Offertory	<i>Personent Hodie</i>	Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH No. 95
*Closing Hymn	<i>Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates</i>	UMH 213 v. 1-3
<div> <div>1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!</div> <div>2 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.</div> <div>3 Redeemer, come, with us abide; our hearts to thee we open wide; let us thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in us reveal.</div> </div>		
*Benediction		Diane Allen
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>On This Day, Earth Shall Ring!</i>	Phil Lehenbauer (b. 1960)

*Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory
of Rose Murray by Reverend Dr. Debra Murray.*