

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY DECEMBER 5

10:45 AM SERVICE



Prelude *People Look East* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Welcome

*Processional Hymn *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

1. Blessed be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free,
who visits and redeems us, and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfill the promise to bring our people peace.
2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Savior comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of day.
3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Savior with songs that never
cease!

Life of the Community

Joy of Giving Mira Dabrowski, Nancy Glaser,

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

O come, O come, Immanuel,
And be light for our darkness.
Be comfort in our grief, be a friend for our loneliness,
An oasis for our searching.
O come, O come, Immanuel,
Restore our joy, heal our wounds, and bring us peace.

*Advent Candle Lighting (see insert) *Peace* Carol Kumer, Mike McCartney, Kathy Rose

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music *A Little Advent Music* Richard Shepherd

Fiume di Musica: Julianne Stafford, Alan Cooper

Come, thou Redeemer of the Earth
Lo How A Rose E'er Blooming
O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Scripture *Luke 3:1-6* Debbie Krueger

Hymn	<i>Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus</i>	UMH 196
1. Come, thou long expected Jesus, born to set thy people free; from our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in thee. Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art; dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.	2. Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King, born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring. By thine own eternal spirit rule in all our hearts alone; by thine all sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.	
VirtuAll Voices	<i>Dona nobis pacem</i>	
Message		Colleen Crangle
Communion Liturgy (see insert)		Marcia Sterling
Invitation to the Offering		Colleen Crangle
Offertory Prayer		Linda Grossman
<p>God of mercy and grace, we pray that the gifts we offer this morning might be used to bring some compassion to the chaos that is our world. We give these gifts in love, hoping they will heal some of the hurting; and as they do, make the crooked road straight for the coming of the Christ. May the hills that separate us from sisters and brothers be made flat and may the valleys of our isolation be raised up, so we will be ready to welcome the Christ as one. In that holy name, we pray. Amen.</p>		
Offertory	<i>Bereden väg för Herran</i>	Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
*Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH No. 95
*Closing Hymn	<i>People, Look East</i>	UMH 202
1. People, look east. The time is near Of the crowning of the year. Make your house fair as you are able, Trim the hearth and set the table. People, look east and sing today: Love, the guest, is on the way.	3. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim One more light the bowl shall brim, Shining beyond the frosty weather, Bright as sun and moon together. People, look east and sing today: Love, the star, is on the way.	
2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare, One more seed is planted there: Give up your strength the seed to nourish, That in course the flower may flourish. People, look east and sing today: Love, the rose, is on the way.	4. Angels, announce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to earth. Set every peak and valley humming With the word, the Lord is coming. People, look east and sing today: Love, the Lord, is on the way.	
*Benediction		Colleen Crangle
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich her</i>	Max Reger (1873-1916)

*Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Earl Edward Ross Sr. by Reverend Dr. Debra Murray.*