



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## Second Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 16

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *With Jesus I Will Travel - Norwegian Folk Tune* arr. Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1945)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Introit *Majesty, Worship His Majesty*

Opening Hymn *Rejoice the Lord is King* UMH 715 v. 1-3

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

The Lord has declared victory,  
and has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

**Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

And the Word became flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near;  
for through him all of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.**

Lord's Prayer Mira Dabrowski

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.

Scripture *1 Kings 19:10-15* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Anthem *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* arr. Roy Ringwald (1910-1995)

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

VirtuAll Voices *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)* Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin

Sermon *Reconnecting with God: When God Seems Invisible* Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory *What A Friend We Have in Jesus* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Offertory Prayer Pamela Cutkosky

Generous God, we are reminded through scripture of the spiritual gifts that you give. We know that these are not for us to hold onto but are gifts for us to share – gifts from you meant for giving. As we offer our tithes and offerings, prompt us to commit more than dollars, but to see the gifts you have written on our hearts and to share generously of these as well! We pray these words in the name of Jesus, in whose way we follow, for whose love we are eternally grateful. Amen.

Hymn *Lift Every Voice and Sing* FWS 2213, v. 1, 2, 4

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,  
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet  
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?  
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;  
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,  
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last  
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;  
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;  
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.

Alleluia Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Benediction Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude *Toccata in D Minor* Gaston Béliet (1863-1938)