



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Third Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 23

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Meditation on "Promise"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn *Blest Be the Dear Uniting Love* UMH 566

1. Blest be the dear uniting love
that will not let us part;
our bodies may far off remove,
we still are one in heart.

2. Joined in one spirit to our Head,
where he appoints we go,
and still in Jesus' footsteps tread,
and do his work below.

3. O may we ever walk in him,
and nothing know beside,
nothing desire, nothing esteem,
but Jesus crucified!

4. We all are one who him receive,
and each with each agree,
in him the One, the Truth, we live;
blest point of unity!

5. Partakers of the Savior's grace,
the same in mind and heart,
nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place,
nor life, nor death can part.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

We have come to worship God, the living God,
Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.
We have come to praise God, the almighty God,
Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.
We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,
Who chooses even you and me,
to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!

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.

Anthem *God of Comfort, God of Courage* Wilbur R. Chenoweth (1899-1980)

Scripture *Matthew 15:21-28* Julianne Stafford

Hymn

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life

UMH 164

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life as killeth death.

3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.

VirtuAll Voices

O Heart Bereaved and Lonely

Sandra McCracken

Sermon

Reconnecting with God: When we have been Disappointed by God

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

Pamela Cutkosky

God who created us, as we gather to worship you, we are conscious that we are all one body in Christ. When one part of the body is hurting, the whole body is wounded; when healing happens, the whole body is blessed. May our giving this morning bring love to the parts of Christ's body that are feeling unloved and forgotten; and may it bring justice and mercy to those parts that are oppressed and burdened. In our giving, may we find the joy of blessing the whole body of Christ. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Stand By Me

Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933)

Doxology

Closing Hymn

Come and Find the Quiet Center

FWS 2128

1. Come and find the quiet center
In the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter,
Clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter,
Be at peace, and simply be.

3. In the Spirit let us travel,
Open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel,
Celebrate the space we gain;
There's a place for deepest dreaming,
There's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming
There is always room to spare!

2. Silence is a friend who claims us,
Cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
Knows our being, touches base,
Making space within our thinking,
Lifting shades to show the sun,
Raising courage when we're shrinking,
Finding scope for faith begun.

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia

Postlude

Trumpet Processional in G Major

David German (b. 1954)