



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 30

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Praeludium in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn *On Eagle's Wings* UMH 143

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord
Who abide in His shadow for life
Say to the Lord, "My refuge
My rock, in whom I trust!"

[Chorus]
And He will raise you up on eagle's wings
Bear you on the breath of dawn
Make you to shine like the sun
And hold you in the palm of His hand

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you
And famine will bring you no fear
Under His wings, your refuge
His faithfulness, your shield

[Chorus]

3. You need not fear the terror of the night
Nor the arrow that flies by day
Though thousands fall about you
Near you it shall not come

4. For to His angels He's given a command,
To guard you in all of your ways,
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

[Chorus]

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Mira Dabrowski

Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

God of Gods:

We come to worship today to hear your good news,

to hear of faith, hope and love ringing out from your kingdom.

We know that doubt, fear and hatred can shake even the strongest.

Shape us into faithful hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding.

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Lord's Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

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 *The Lord Is My Shepherd* John Rutter (b. 1945)
Julianne Stafford, Oboe

Scripture *Psalm 23* Cedric Fellows

Hymn	<i>Blessed Assurance</i>	UMH 369
<p>1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.</p> <p>Refrain: This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.</p>	<p>2. Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)</p> <p>3. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (Refrain)</p>	
VirtuAll Voices	<i>Angels Watching Over Me</i>	traditional, arr. Tim Biglow
Sermon	<i>Reconnecting with God: With Reassurance by God</i>	Reverend Gerardo García Palacios
Invitation to the Offering		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Offertory Prayer		Pamela Cutkosky
<p>Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience agape love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen</p>		
Offertory	<i>Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Doxology		
Closing Hymn	<i>Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us</i>	UMH 381
<p>1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need thy tender care; in thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.</p> <p>2. We are thine, thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way; keep thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.</p>	<p>3. Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! We will early turn to thee.</p> <p>4. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us do thy will; blessed Lord and only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us, love us still.</p>	
Benediction		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"</i>	Brenda Portman (b. 1980)