



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine* Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Introit *Let All the People Praise You* John Leavitt (b. 1956)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn *O Spirit of the Living God* UMH 539 vs 1, 2, 4

1. O Spirit of the living God,
thou light and fire divine,
descend upon thy church once more,
and make it truly thine.
Fill it with love and joy and power,
with righteousness and peace;
till Christ shall dwell in human hearts,
and sin and sorrow cease.

2. Blow, wind of God! With wisdom blow
until our minds are free
from mists of error, clouds of doubt,
which blind our eyes to thee.
Burn, winged fire! Inspire our lips
with flaming love and zeal,
to preach to all thy great good news,
God's glorious commonweal.

4. So shall we know the power of Christ
who came this world to save;
so shall we rise with him to life
which soars beyond the grave;
and earth shall win true holiness,
which makes thy children whole;
till, perfected by thee, we reach
creation's glorious goal!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Mira Dabrowski

Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

O God, you spoke your word and revealed your good news in Jesus, the Christ.
**Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises to all nations and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body, your incarnate presence on the earth. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

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 *Hear Me, Redeemer* Traditional Gospel Style - Henry Mollicone (b. 1946)

Scripture *1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50* Lucy Tompkin

Hymn

To God Be the Glory - Andraé Crouch (1942 – 2015)

UMH 98

1. To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
but purer and higher and greater will be
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

[Refrain]

VirtuAll Voices

Spirit of the Living God

Audrey Assad

Message

Reconnecting With Family

Dr. Brenda & Cedric Fellows

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

Pamela Cutkosky

Holy God of light and life that overcomes darkness and death: as we offer our tithes and offerings to you this morning, we pray that we may give the confidence and assurance of those fully convinced in our promise of Resurrection! Help us to experience our generosity as those who have no need to hold back or hedge our bets. May we live our days giving freely with love and grace, not as those who have the hope of salvation, but the promise! In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Stand By Me

Charles Albert Tindley (1851-1933)

Doxology

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

UMH 577

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia

Postlude

Soon I Will Be Done

Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)