

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Transfiguration Sunday

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Meditation on "Peace Like a River"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Introit *Hear Me Redeemer* Henry Mollicone (b.1946)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn *O Wondrous Sight! O Vision Fair* UMH 258

1. O wondrous sight! O vision fair
of glory that the church shall share,
which Christ upon the mountain shows,
where brighter than the sun he glows!

2. From age to age the tale declares
how with the three disciples there
where Moses and Elijah meet,
the Lord holds converse high and sweet.

3. The law and prophets there have place,
two chosen witnesses of grace;
the Father's voice from out the cloud
proclaims his only Son aloud.

4. With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest that day
what glory shall be theirs above
who joy in God with perfect love.

5. And faithful hearts are raised on high
by this great vision's mystery;
for which in joyful strains we raise
the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Call to Worship Emily King

We come together today in awe and wonder before the God we worship.

We also come burdened down with the worries of the world and the struggles of our individual lives.

But in the midst of the worries and the struggles is God, our radiant source of love and hope.

We worship together today in awe and wonder to worship the God who transforms our lives.

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

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.

Scripture *Luke 9:28-36* Diane Allen

Hymn

Here I Am to Worship

Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me....see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent in you.

(Reprise)
Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

2. King of all days, oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to this earth You created,
All for loves sake, became poor.

(Reprise)
I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin up on that cross.
(Repeat x4)
(Reprise x2)

Anthem

A Change Gonna Come

I was born by the river in a little tent
Oh and just like the river I've been running ever since
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

It's been too hard living but I'm afraid to die
Cause I don't know what's up there beyond the sky
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

I go to the movie and I go downtown
Somebody keep telling me don't hang around
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

Then I go to my brother
And I say brother help me please
But he winds up knocking me
Back down on my knees

Ohhhhhhhhh.....

There been times that I thought I couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able to carry on
It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gonna come, oh yes it will

Message

Reconnecting With Fellowship

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

Emily King

Transforming God, we come to your altar this morning, knowing that in our giving and in our living, we have often put "just enough" into living our faith so as not to impact our lifestyle or cause too much discomfort. We have been reluctant to let go of our affinity for the things of this world; and in our attachments, we have often missed the opportunity for the transformed lives you desire for us. May our offering this morning be an invitation to living a life radically transformed by your power, love, and grace. We pray this in the mighty love of Jesus. Amen.

Offertory

There is a Balm in Gilead

Traditional Spiritual
arr. William Farley Smith (1941-1997)

Doxology

Closing Hymn

Shine, Jesus Shine

Lord, the Light of Your Love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining,
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us,
Set us free by the truth You now bring us,
Shine on me. Shine on me.

(CHORUS)
Shine, Jesus shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit blaze,
Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth Your word,
Lord and let there be light.

2. Lord I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

(CHORUS)

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness.
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

(CHORUS)

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Alleluia

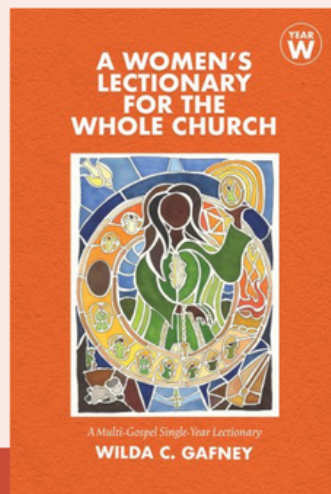
Postlude

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

Lenten Bible Study: "A Woman's Lectionary for the Whole Church"

by Rev. Wilda C. Gafney, PhD



*What does it look like to tell
the good news through the
stories of women, who are
often on the margins of
scripture and often set up to
represent "bad news"?*

*starts March 6th, 9 AM via Zoom
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