



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Second Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY MARCH 13

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Madrigal* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Introit *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus* Alice Parker (b.1925)

Welcome Linda Grossman

*Opening Hymn *Gather Us In* FWS 2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Reprise:

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
gather us in, the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery, we are
the old who yearn for your face; we have been sung
throughout all of history, called to be light to the
whole human race. (Reprise)

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
here we will take the bread of new birth,
here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth. (Reprise)

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away
here in this place the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom, and now is the day. (Reprise)

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Colleen Crangle

Call to Worship Colleen Crangle

Ashes have been smeared and sins have been confessed...

We follow our faithful Lord.

These times, they are troubling. This journey, it is hard...

We follow our faithful Lord.

It is God who sustains, not the temptations of this world...

We follow our faithful Lord.

In the Lord is our trust, our protection from harm...

We follow our faithful Lord.

Come, let us worship the One whom we serve...

We follow our faithful Lord.

Laity Prayer Mira Dabrowski

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 *Restoration* Heather Sorensen (b. 1974)

Scripture *Habakkuk 2:1-3* Carol Kumer

*Hymn *Give to the Winds Thy Fears* UMH 129

1. Give to the winds thy fears;
hope and be undismayed.
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
God shall lift up thy head.

2. Through waves and clouds and storms,
God gently clears thy way;
wait thou God's time; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

3. Leave to God's sovereign sway
to choose and to command;
so shalt thou, wondering, own that way,
how wise, how strong this hand.

4. Let us in life, in death,
thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our latest breath
thy love and guardian care.

VirtuAll Voices *Living Hope* Phil Wickham

Sermon *"My Vision for Our Church"* Colleen Crangele, Sumith Kalas and Christina Bellardo

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer Colleen Crangle

Generous God, as we travel this Lenten journey, allow us to walk beside Jesus as he makes his journey into Jerusalem. As we offer our gifts this morning, may it be our way of saying we won't turn away from the problems and conflicts of this world; but like Jesus, we will walk toward them. All we take for the journey is the compassion, mercy, and sacrifice that he carried—moving toward what waited in the Holy City. We journey in Christ's steps and pray in Christ's holy name. Amen.

Offertory *Moonlight Blue* Chelsea Chen (b. 1983)

Doxology

*Closing Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3. Be thou my buckler, my sword for the fight.
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r.
Raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Ruler of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. "True Light of heaven, when vict'ry is won
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Benediction Debbie Kreuger

Postlude *March on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

**Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

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