



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Third Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY MARCH 20

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude	<i>Concerto (Adagio, Allegro)</i> Fiume di Musica	J. A. Scheibe (1708-1776)
Introit	<i>Lenten Introit</i>	David M. Cherwien (b. 1957)
Welcome		Linda Grossman
*Opening Hymn	<i>Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service</i>	UMH 581
	1. Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.	3. As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to tireless striving, your abundant life to share.
	2. Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.	4. Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show; hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give, that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.
Children's Moment		Reverend Gerardo García Palacios
Life of the Community		Colleen Crangle
*Call to Worship		Colleen Crangle
	Go into the world in faith! Trusting God to lead you, trusting people to receive you. Go into the world with hope! With God's presence before you and human dreams to carry you. Go into the world with love! Serving with those in whom Christ lives, and laboring for those for whom Jesus died. Go in Faith, Hope, and Love!	
Pastoral Prayer		Reverend Gerardo García Palacios
Lord's Prayer		Reverend Gerardo García Palacios
	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	<i>Amazing Grace</i> Jerry Johnson, Soprano	John Coates Jr. (b. 1938)

*Scripture *Luke 13:1-9* Alan Cooper

VirtuAll Voices *Living Hope* Phil Wickham (b. 1984)

*Hymn *When We Are Living / Pues Si Vivimos* UMH 356

Congregation:
1. When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Choir:
1. Pues si vivimos para Él vivimos
y si morimos para fil mori mos.
Sea que vivamos o que muramos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Congregation:
2. Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God; we belong to God.

Choir:
2. En esta vida, frutos hemos de dar.
Las obras buenas son pa ra ofrendar.
Ya sea que demos o que recibamos,
somos del Señor, somos del Señor.

Sermon *The Time of Divine Grace* Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer Linda Grossman

Patient and merciful God, we bring our offerings humbly on this day, hoping they will bring fruit to the ministry of your church on earth. We ourselves have not always set our priorities on bearing good fruit, and yet you are a patient gardener. You have sent saints into our midst to make the soil richer, yet like the stubborn fig tree, good fruit has been scarce. May our journey this Lenten season feed our spirits to bring forth the fruit you desire. We pray in the name of our savior and redeemer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Offertory *Prelude on Amazing Grace* Ikuko Weller (b. 1962)

*Doxology

*Closing Hymn *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* UMH 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze
its day may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red life that shall endless be.

*Benediction Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Postlude *How Firm a Foundation* Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

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

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Jack Kumer for his birthday by Carol Kumer.