



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

First Sunday of Lent

SUNDAY MARCH 6

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude

Prelude on "O Waly, Waly"

Joyce Jones (1933 - February 28, 2022)

Introit

Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Opening Hymn

Sing Praise to Christ Who Reigns Above

UMH 126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,
the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love,
the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled
and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

2. The Lord is never far away,
but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay,
our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus, all my toilsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song
my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name
give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim
aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne,
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community

Colleen Crangle

Call to Worship

Colleen Crangle

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

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.

Anthem

Create In Me A Clean Heart

Allen Pote (b.1945)

Scripture

Luke 4:1-13

Sumith Kalas

Hymn

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

FWS 2112

1. Jesus walked this lonesome valley;
he had to walk it by himself.
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him;
he had to walk it by himself.

3. You must go and stand your trial;
you have to stand it by yourself.
Oh, nobody else can stand it for you;
you have to stand it by yourself.

2. We must walk this lonesome valley;
we have to walk it by ourselves.
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us;
we have to walk it by ourselves.

VirtuAll Voices

Great Are You, Lord

Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan & David Leonard

Sermon

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

HOLY COMMUNION

see insert

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

Colleen Crangle

Mighty God, as we remember the strength of Jesus facing the temptation offered by the devil, we remember too clearly how the temptations of food, of authority, and power have overcome us. We've been tricked to believe our wants were needs and more is always better. May we offer our gifts to you this day with generosity and gratitude; strengthen us to resist temptation that would present security or power in anyone but you. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Trio on "Amazing Grace"

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Doxology

Closing Hymn

Take Time to Be Holy

UMH 395

1. Take time to be holy,
speak oft with thy Lord;
abide in him always,
and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children,
help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing
his blessing to seek.

3. Take time to be holy,
let him be thy guide,
and run not before him,
whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow,
still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus,
still trust in his word.

2. Take time to be holy,
the world rushes on;
spend much time in secret
with Jesus alone.
By looking to Jesus,
like him thou shalt be;
thy friends in thy conduct
his likeness shall see.

4. Take time to be holy,
be calm in thy soul,
each thought and each motive
beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit
to fountains of love,
thou soon shalt be fitted
for service above.

Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Postlude

Fanfare in G Minor

Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in
memory of Richard Pike by Linda Grossman.