



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Second Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MAY 1

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Concerto V (Allegro, Andante, Presto)* John Baston (1708-1739)
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Opening Hymn *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* UMH 295 v. 1-3

1. In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

2. When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me.
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

3. When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more luster to the day.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Jill Kispert

*Call to Worship Jill Kispert

God's anger lasts but a moment, but God's favor lasts a lifetime.
**The Lord forgives our shortcomings and sends deliverance through Christ,
just as the Lord forgave Saul and used him to spread the gospel.
Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Lord's Prayer

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together* John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

Scripture *Acts 9:1-20* Diane Allen

*Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* UMH 465

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

3. Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4. Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

VirtuAll Voices	<i>How Marvelous (I Stand Amazed)</i>	Charles Gabriel, Chris Tomlin
Message	<i>Does Anyone Know Who I Am?</i>	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
HOLY COMMUNION		
Invitation to the Offering		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Offertory Prayer		Jill Kispert
<p>Redeeming God, we live in a world that is far too ready to say that you can't be found, ready to choose punishment over mercy, judgment over compassion. Our world is too eager to put energy into exclusion rather than working to be inclusive of all your children. We confess to you that, like Saul, we have been blind, even in our sightedness, to what you are doing in the world. We need our eyes to be truly opened, Lord, to who you really are. Let our blindness fall away and let us see the good that we can do—through our prayers, presence, gifts, service and our witness—to help usher in your kingdom here and now. May the gifts we give this morning be just the beginning of our availability to be your tools for bringing about the world you desire. We pray it in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.</p>		
Offertory	<i>The King of Love My Shepherd Is</i>	Gerhard Krapf (1924-2008)
*Doxology		
*Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>	UMH 463
<p>1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone; as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.</p> <p>2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee, I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.</p> <p>3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.</p> <p>4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.</p> <p>5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where, until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.</p>		
*Benediction		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune in A Major</i>	Michael McCabe (b. 1941)

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

Altar flowers are given by Claudette Kayne to the glory of God
and in memory of Betty and Elliot Bolter.