



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Fifth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MAY 15

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude

I Come With Joy

David Cherwien (b. 1957)

Welcome

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Opening Hymn

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community

Linda Grossman, Nancy Glaser

*Call to Worship

Linda Grossman

God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view.

We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting.

We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us.

We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is.

So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love.

May we be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike.

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

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

Scripture

Acts 11:1-18

Lucy Tompkin

*Hymn	<i>The Gift of Love</i>	UMH 408
1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.		3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.
2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.		
VirtuAll Voices	<i>Come as You Are</i>	David Crowder, Matt Redman, & Ben Glover
Message	<i>"One Love": Diversity is Our Strength</i>	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Invitation to the Offering		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Offertory Prayer		Linda Grossman
Generous and giving God, we offer gifts this day as those who have received so much more. You gave yourself to us and asked only for devotion, yet we got distracted by the world. You offered all of creation to meet our needs for food and shelter, yet we decided we wanted more. You offered your love to all, yet we decided some were more worthy and valuable than others. So, you gave us "the repentance that leads to life," and all our giving pales by comparison. Dedicate us, we pray, in Christ's holy name. Amen.		
Offertory	<i>Little Litanies of Jesus</i>	Gabriel Grouvlez (1879-1944), arr. Robert Hebble
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Closing Hymn	<i>Blessed Be the Dear Uniting Love</i>	UMH 566
1. Blest be the dear uniting love that will not let us part; our bodies may far off remove, we still are one in heart.		4. We all are one who him receive, and each with each agree, in him the One, the Truth, we live; blest point of unity!
2. Joined in one spirit to our Head, where he appoints we go, and still in Jesus' footsteps tread, and do his work below.		5. Partakers of the Savior's grace, the same in mind and heart, nor joy, nor grief, nor time, nor place, nor life, nor death can part.
3. O may we ever walk in him, and nothing know beside, nothing desire, nothing esteem, but Jesus crucified!		
*Benediction		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Exultate Deo</i>	Robert Hebble (1934-2020)

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

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor
of my dear sister's birthday by Janet Nicholls.