



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MAY 22

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *From All That Dwells Below the Skies* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Opening Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 577

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

We come this morning full of ourselves:

Our concerns, our plans, our opinions, our schedules.

In this moment, help us empty our minds of the relentless 'I' and make space for you.

Enable us to put down our priorities; to set aside our assumptions and schemes.

Open our hearts to recognize your love in action in our lives.

Reassure us of your divine vision, and let us rest in your unending care.

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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Scripture *Acts 16:9-15* Jeff King

*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.
Thou and thou only, first in my heart
Great God of heaven my treasure thou art.
3. Great God of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Message

A Vision of Change

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Invitation to the Offering

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Offertory Prayer

Sumith Kalas

God of the mountains and the valleys, of the dry places and oceans: Your voice speaks to us across creation; the flowers and the trees sing of your majesty; and the stars of the night speak of how much we still don't know. As we offer gifts to you and speak our words of gratitude, help us to hear your voice anew. Give us ears to hear, faith to believe, and determination to truly listen to how you would send us into a hurting world. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou

Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Closing Hymn

Heralds of Christ

UMH 567

1. Heralds of Christ, who bear the King's commands,
immortal tidings in your mortal hands,
pass on and carry swift the news you bring;
make straight, make straight the highway of the King.
2. Through desert ways, dark fen, and deep morass,
through jungles, sluggish seas, and mountain pass,
build now the road, and falter not, nor stay;
prepare across the earth the King's highway.
3. Lord, give us faith and strength the road to build,
to see the promise of the day fulfilled,
when war shall be no more, and strife shall cease
upon the highway of the Prince of Peace.

*Benediction

Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

*Alleluia

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of all May birthdays, including mine, by Sandra Florstedt.