



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MAY 29

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Lento from Trio Sonata No. 6* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Colleen Crangle

*Opening Hymn *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 60

1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

2. Happy are they whose hopes rely
on Israel's God, who made the sky
and earth and seas, with all their train;
whose truth for ever stands secure,
who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor,
for none shall find God's promise vain.

3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
the Lord supports the fainting mind
and sends the laboring conscience peace.
God helps the stranger in distress,
the widow and the fatherless,
and grants the prisoner sweet release.

4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath;
and when my voice is lost in death,
praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past,
while life, and thought, and being last,
or immortality endures.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Colleen Crangle

*Call to Worship Colleen Crangle

O Lord, forgive us when we fail to respond to your call with faith.

Through your Spirit we stand in the assurance of your acceptance.

Forgive us when we are shackled by our narrow understandings of discipleship and our clouded sense of purpose.

Through your Spirit we are drawn into the illumination of your empowering love.

Forgive us when we are frightened of the future or pull back from the demand of your calling. Forgive us when we fail to sense your presence in our past, to acknowledge your grace in the present moment, and to trust you for our future.

Through your Spirit we offer ourselves in discipleship. We stand together as your disciples. We seek renewed and renewing faith. Touch us now with your Spirit, Lord. Touch us now with your Spirit.

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Samuel Hong, District Superintendent

Lord's Prayer Reverend Dr. Samuel Hong

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 *Love Your Neighbor* Michael Helman (b. 1956)

Scripture *Acts 16:16-34* Lucy Tompkin

Anthem *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* Neumark/Lindh/Winkworth

*Hymn *All My Hope is Firmly Grounded* UMH 132

All my hope is firmly grounded
 In the great and living Lord;
 Who, whenever I most need him,
 Never fails to keep his word.
 Him I must
 Wholly trust,
 God the ever good and just.

But in every time and season,
 Out of love's abundant store,
 God sustains the whole creation,
 Fount of life for evermore.
 We who share
 Earth and air
 Count on God's unfailing care.

2. Tell me, who can trust our nature,
 Human, weak, and insecure:
 Which of all the airy castles
 Can the hurricane endure?
 Built on sand,
 Nought can stand,
 By our earthly wisdom planned.

4. Thank, O thank, our great Creator,
 Through God's only Son this day;
 God alone, the Heavenly Potter,
 Made us out of earth and clay.
 Quick to heed,
 Strong in deed,
 God shall all the people feed.

Message *Where is my interest?* Reverend Dr. Samuel Hong

Invitation to the Offering Colleen Crangle

Offertory Prayer Colleen Crangle

God of justice and mercy: The temptation is strong to make our gifts to you on Sunday feel as if we've done all that is expected, then wake up on Monday and live like all the rest of the world. Deep in our souls, we know that's not what Christ called us to do, but the safe road is so much easier. God of compassion, embolden us to be involved in some "good trouble." Embolden us to stand out against the backdrop of a world that says, "Take care of your own." Embolden us to use our voices to speak on behalf of the voiceless, to use our ears to hear the discouraged and defeated, and to use our arms to help the weak and powerless. In the name of the one who conquered death. Amen.

Offertory *Balm in Gilead* Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)

*Doxology UMH 95

*Closing Hymn *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* UMH 664

1. Sent forth by God's blessing,
 our true faith confessing,
 the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
 The service is ended.
 Oh, now be extended
 the fruits of our worship in all who believe.
 The seed of the teaching,
 receptive souls reaching,
 shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 God's grace did invite us,
 and love shall unite us
 to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

2. With praise and thanksgiving
 to God ever-living,
 the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face—
 our faith ever sharing,
 in love ever caring,
 embracing God's children, of each tribe and race.
 With your grace you feed us,
 with your light now lead us;
 unite us as one in this life that we share.
 Then may all the living
 with praise and thanksgiving
 give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

*Benediction Reverend Dr. Samuel Hong

*Alleluia

Postlude *Little Prelude and Fugue in a minor* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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

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