



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY MAY 8

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Simple Gifts* arr. Diane Keller (b. 1973)

Welcome Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

\*Opening Hymn *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 203

1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,  
great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
his reign on earth begun!  
He comes to break oppression,  
to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression,  
and rule in equity.

2. He comes with succor speedy  
to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy,  
and bid the weak be strong;  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.

3. He shall come down like showers  
upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers,  
spring in his path to birth.  
Before him, on the mountains,  
shall peace, the herald, go,  
and righteousness, in fountains,  
from hill to valley flow.

4. To him shall prayer unceasing  
and daily vows ascend;  
his kingdom still increasing,  
a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never  
his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever;  
that name to us is love.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

**By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.**

Therefore, beloved, let us know love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

**Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**

**This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Dr. Debra Murray

Lord's Prayer en Espanol Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

«Creador nuestro que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad, así en la tierra como en el cielo. El pan nuestro de cada día, danoslo hoy. Y perdónanos nuestras deudas, así como nosotros también hemos perdonado a nuestros deudores. Y no nos dejes caer en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino y el poder y la gloria para todos los siglos de los siglos. Amén».

Anthem *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter (1945)

Scripture *Revelations 7:9-17* Cedric Fellows

*Hymn	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	UMH 617 vs 1, 2, 4, 5
<p>1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,                  forgiven, loved and free,                  in awe and wonder to recall                  his life laid down for me,                  his life laid down for me.</p> <p>2. I come with Christians far and near                  to find, as all are fed,                  the new community of love                  in Christ's communion bread,                  in Christ's communion bread.</p>	<p>4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.                  His presence, always near,                  is in such friendship better known;                  we see and praise him here,                  we see and praise him here.</p> <p>5. Together met, together bound,                  we'll go our different ways,                  and as his people in the world,                  we'll live and speak his praise,                  we'll live and speak his praise.</p>	
VirtuAll Voices	<i>God is Holding Your Life</i>	Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan
Message	<i>"Thank You!": Celebrate Those in Our Community</i>	Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Invitation to the Offering		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
Offertory Prayer		Pamela Cutkosky
<p><b>Holy God, you work wonders beyond our imagination. Thank you for all the faithful people you have inspired in the history of the church. You have sent into our lives kind Christians who have encouraged us in beautiful ways. Help us to keep growing as disciples led by your Spirit. May we become more devoted to good works and acts of charity, so that others will be blessed in turn. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.</b></p>		
Offertory	<i>Psalms 23 (He Leadeth Me)</i>	Alice Jordan (1916-2012)
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Closing Hymn	<i>Giving Thanks to Mothers</i>	tune of UMH 89, "Joyful Joyful"
<p>Lord, we thank you for the mothers                  By whose faith we come to Thee;                  Who reflect Your grace and mercy                  In their faces, You, we see.                  Honor mothers, God commands us,                  Show respect and loving care,                  Instruments You made to guide us                  Mothers who Christ's love doth share.</p> <p>Through the ages, leading forward                  Moms who serve to glorify.                  Eve's first born starts all the races,                  Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.                  Hannah's prayers and Mary's song                  Tell acceptance of God's will.                  King of grace and peace and patience                  These the lessons mothers tell.</p>	<p>Lord, we thank you for the mothers                  Who have brought us forth on earth.                  Giving life that we may worship                  Savior born of Virgin birth.                  All created by Holy Maker                  Workmanship beyond compare                  For the gift of moms, we thank Thee                  Praise to You, we do declare.</p>	
*Benediction		Reverend Dr. Debra Murray
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Trumpet Tune</i>	Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

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

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my mother,  
 Mary Furney, and in honor of your mother, too! by Leslie Furney-Howe.