



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Second Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JUNE 19
10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Der Gondelfahrer* Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

*Opening Hymn *This is My Father's World* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 144

1. This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,
the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
he shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

When we long for the special effects we think life should offer:
it is enough, for us, that God comes in a soft, summer shower.
When our hearts are cracked by the drought of doubt:
it is enough, for us, that God opens up the fountains of faith for us.
When our senses are deadened by the sales pitches of our culture:
it is enough, for us, that God wraps us in the silence of grace.

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

Lord's Prayer Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

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 *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Scripture *Luke 15:11-32* Debbie Krueger

*Hymn *Our Parent, by Whose Name* UMH 447

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| <p>1. Our Parent, by whose name all parenthood is known,
who in your love proclaim each family your own:
direct all parents, guarding well, with constant love
as sentinel, the homes in which your people live.</p> <p>2. O Jesus, who, a child within an earthly home,
with heart still undefiled did to adulthood come:
our children bless in every place, that they may all
behold your face, and knowing you may grow in grace.</p> | <p>3. Blest Spirit, who can bind our hearts in unity,
and teach us so to find the love from self set free:
in all our hearts such love increase that every home,
by this release, may be the dwelling place of peace.</p> |
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Message *The Wisdom of the Father* Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer Sumith Kalas

God of power and might, as we offer our gifts to you this morning, we remember how dependent we are on your love and mercy for every good and helpful thing in our lives. We affirm in our giving that all the money and possessions in the world cannot rescue us from the demons that torment and tug at us every day. When we've tried to fix things on our own, we have failed; when we put our trust in your loving power made known to us in Christ, we have found our lifeline. Dedicate these gifts and our lives, that we might not only find our way but lead others toward Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Offertory *Concerto A minor (Largo)* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Fiume di Musica

*Doxology UMH 95

*Closing Hymn *Faith of Our Fathers* UMH 710

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| <p>1. Faith of our fathers, living still,
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
whene'er we hear that glorious word!</p> <p>Refrain:
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.</p> | <p>2. Faith of our fathers, we will strive
to win all nations unto thee;
and through the truth that comes from God,
we all shall then be truly free. [Refrain]</p> <p>3. Faith of our fathers, we will love
both friend and foe in all our strife;
and preach thee, too, as love knows how
by kindly words and virtuous life. [Refrain]</p> |
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*Benediction Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

*Alleluia

Postlude *Concerto A minor (Allegro)* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Fiume di Musica

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Richard,
who would have turned 85 this month, by Linda Grossman.

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