



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 24

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Prelude on "Deo Gracias"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Welcome Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

\*Opening Hymn *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 126

1. Sing praise to God who reigns above,  
the God of all creation,  
the God of power, the God of love,  
the God of our salvation.  
With healing balm my soul is filled  
and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory.

2. The Lord is never far away,  
but through all grief distressing,  
an ever present help and stay,  
our peace and joy and blessing.  
As with a mother's tender hand,  
God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory.

3. Thus, all my toilsome way along,  
I sing aloud thy praises,  
that earth may hear the grateful song  
my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,  
both soul and body bear your part:  
To God all praise and glory.

4. Let all who name Christ's holy name  
give God all praise and glory;  
let all who own his power proclaim  
aloud the wondrous story!  
Cast each false idol from its throne,  
for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:  
To God all praise and glory.

Children's Moment Pamela Cutkosky

Life of the Community Colleen Crangle

\*Call to Worship Colleen Crangle

Children of the Living God!  
**God loves us with the love of a parent.**  
Children of the Living God!  
**Despite our failings, God continues to save us.**  
Children of the Living God!  
**We are here to worship the God of love, justice, and grace. Amen.**

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 *Forever Blessed Are They that Serve the Lord* G. F. Handel / arr. Royal Stanton

\*Scripture *Luke 4:1-13* Cedric Fellows

\*Hymn *Be Still My Soul* UMH 534

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.  
 Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
 leave to your God to order and provide;  
 in every change God faithful will remain.  
 Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend  
 through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
 to guide the future, as in ages past.  
 Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
 all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
 Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
 the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
 when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
 when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
 sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
 Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
 all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Message *The Battle Within* Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

Invitation to the Offering Colleen Crangle

Offertory Prayer Colleen Crangle

**Compassionate God, you know us in every step of our lives and in every misstep. We all have stories that we tell with pride and those we would hide and long to forget – but you know them all. We bring our gifts to you this day, knowing that your love is not dependent on our best moments but on how we have persevered in finding the discipleship path after we have fallen short. May our gifts and our lives themselves be a witness to your relentless love. We pray in the holy name of Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

Offertory *For the Beauty of the Earth* Daniel Berghout (b. 1967)

\*Doxology UMH 95

\*Closing Hymn *It Is Well With My Soul* UMH 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
 when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,  
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:  
 It is well with my soul,  
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
 let this blest assurance control,  
 that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
 and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
 My sin, not in part but the whole,  
 is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,  
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
 the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
 even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)

\*Benediction Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

\*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata Brevis* Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of  
 James Bravo's 4th birthday by Brenda Birrell.

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