



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 31

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Andante* Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

Welcome Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

*Opening Hymn *Love Divine, All Love Excelling* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Give thanks to God! For God is good.

We give thanks for God's steadfast love.

Give thanks to God! For God's love endures.

We give thanks that God is at work among humankind.

Give thanks to God! For only God can satisfy us.

We give thanks to God for filling our spiritual hunger with good things. 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 *Beloved, Let Us Love One Another* Pepper Choplin

*Scripture *John 13:31-35* Sumith Kalas

*Hymn *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go* UMH 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths
its flow may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze
its day may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms
red life that shall endless be.

VirtuAll Voices *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* John Newton, John P. Rees,
Edwin Othello Excell, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

Message *"That You Love One Another"* Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer Sumith Kalas

Holy God, loving parent; your patience with your children is beyond our comprehension! How many times have we sung praises to you "from whom all blessings flow" and yet in our lives, in our practice and in our giving, we've acted like most of those blessings are from our own – to do with as we wish? Often, we have been deaf to your teaching and blind to your leading. May the gifts we give today be a token to our goal to live generous lives that honor you and express gratitude for your goodness to us. In the name of Jesus, our savior, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Holy Manna* Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

*Doxology UMH 95

*Closing Hymn *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* Faith We Sing (FWS) 2223

1. We are One in The Spirit, we are One in The Lord.
We are One in The Spirit, we are One in The Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
By our Love,
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
[Chorus]

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard human dignity and save human pride.
[Chorus]

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
[Chorus]

*Benediction Reverend Mary Elyn Bahlert

*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of my parents' birthdays - Mirek & Frances Dabrowski - by Mira Dabrowski.

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