



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *This Is My Father's World* arr. David Maddux

Welcome Reverend Doug Norris

Greeting Song FWS 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord (2x)
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Leader: Family, breathe in the love of God with me.

People: (deep breath in)

Leader: Beloved Children of God, breathe out your self-doubts.

People: (deep breath out)

Leader: Knowing that you are loved by the God of the Universe, I welcome you to worship today.

People: Our hearts are ready. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 465

1. Holy Spirit, Truth divine,
dawn upon this soul of mine;
Word of God and inward light,
wake my spirit, clear my sight.

2. Holy Spirit, Love divine,
glow within this heart of mine;
kindle every high desire;
perish self in thy pure fire.

3. Holy Spirit, Power divine,
fill and nerve this will of mine;
grant that I may strongly live,
bravely bear, and nobly strive.

4. Holy Spirit, Right divine,
King within my conscience reign;
be my Lord, and I shall be
firmly bound, forever free.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

VirtuAll Voices *Full to the Brim* Paul Demer

Prayer of Confession Reverend Doug Norris

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.
We confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
We cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.
We confess that by silence and ill-considered word we have built up walls of prejudice.
We confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.
Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we are very deaf.
Come, fill this moment and free us from sin.

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Doug Norris

Lord's Prayer

Reverend Doug Norris

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.

Solo Quartet

If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments

Thomas Tallis

Jerry Johnson, soprano
Ruth Letts, alto

P.J. Noxon, tenor
Curtis Gleason, Bass

Invitation to the Offering

Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

Pamela Cutkosky

Renewing and refreshing God, fill our thirsty souls with your living water! As Jesus promised to the woman at the well, and as Jeremiah reminded the prophets, this water is ours if we keep our focus on you and don't chase after other gods. May the offering we make this day mark our commitment to keeping our eyes and our hearts set on a closer walk with you. We pray in the name of Jesus, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Offertory

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

arr. Paul Manz

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Hymn

Seek Ye First

UMH 405

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

*Scripture

Mark 3:1-5

Glady Kalas

Message

Put People First

Reverend Doug Norris

*Closing Hymn

Rejoice in God's Saints

UMH 708

1. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.
2. Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray.
Some carry the gospel through fire and through flood;
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

3. Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross or shoulder their own.
They shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares;
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!
4. Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days;
a world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*Benediction

Reverend Doug Norris

*Alleluia

Postlude

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Altar flowers are given by Sandra Florstedt: in memory of my dear sister, Carolyn, who would have turned 73 tomorrow. We lost her unexpectedly and way too soon last November.

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