



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Suite #3 (Gigue)* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Doug Norris

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.

God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence forever; let us worship God together.

Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing Unto The Lord* Douglas Wagner

*Opening Hymn *O For A Thousand Tongues* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 57 v. 1-4

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me.

VirtuAll Voices *Spirit of the Living God* Audrey Assad and Henry Hallam Tweedy

Dancers: Lena Duncan, Annie King and friends

Vocals: Christina Bellardo, Mira Dabrowski

Piano: Diane Keller

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

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

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.

Chancel Choir Anthem

I Will Sing Praise to the Lord

Joseph Martin (b. 1959)

Invitation to the Offering

Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer

Linda Grossman

O Lord, you have blessed us with the ministry of your church. We thank you for the rich fellowship we enjoy with each other and with you. We give our tithes and offerings to you now, to support the ministry of this church in our community and worldwide. Amen.

Offertory

Concerto in D minor (Adagio)
Fiume di Musica

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

*Doxology

UMH 95

*Hymn

God of Love and God of Power

UMH 578

1. God of love and God of power,
grant us in this burning hour
grace to ask these gifts of thee,
daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,
thou our final loyalty;
slaves are we whene'er we share
that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be
banished by our fears from thee;
give us courage, let us hear
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour

4. God of love and God of power,
make us worthy of this hour;
offering lives if it's thy will,
keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power,
thou hast called us for this hour.

*Scripture

John 4:21-24

Janet Nicholls

Message

Heed the Cry!

Reverend Doug Norris

*Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77 v. 1, 2, 4

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

*Benediction

Reverend Doug Norris

*Alleluia

Postlude

The Water Music (Finale)
Fiume di Musica

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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