



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Préambule* Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Welcome Reverend Doug Norris

Greeting Song *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love* 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

Come and worship!

**We will praise the One between, within, and over.**

Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

**Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love, calling us to do the same.**

Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

**We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.**

Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

**We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!**

\*Opening Hymn *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 139

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining.  
God's care enfolds all, whose true good he upholds.  
Hast thou not known his sustaining?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
who with his love doth befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,  
fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.  
Then to thy need, God as a mother doth speed,  
spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
Gladly forever adore him.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

VirtuAll Voices *How Great Is Our God* Chris Tomlin  
sung by Christina Bellardo and Mira Dabrowski

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

*Be Thou My Vision, O Lord of My Heart*

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art,  
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
Be thou my inheritance now and always,  
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart,  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word  
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord,  
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son,  
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won,  
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might,  
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

## Invitation to the Offering

Pamela Cutkosky

## Offertory Prayer

Pamela Cutkosky

**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

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*

arr. Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

## \*Doxology

UMH 95

## \*Hymn

*Seek Ye First*

UMH 405

1. 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 ye shall find.  
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.  
Hallelu, Hallelujah!

## Stewardship Moment

*God's Church, Our Future*

Tom Fingar

## \*Scripture

*Matthew 6:19-21*

Joe Marshall

## Message

*There's the Joy!*

Reverend Doug Norris

## \*Closing Hymn

*Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated*

UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

2. Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold;  
not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

## \*Benediction

Reverend Doug Norris

## \*Alleluia

## Postlude

*Poco vivace*

Hermann Schroeder (1904-1984)

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