



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE

Prelude *Sonata (Grave, Giga)* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
Alan Cooper, violin
Julianne Stafford, oboe

Welcome Reverend Doug Norris

Greeting Song *They'll Know We Are Christians From 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 Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

God of power and mercy, only with your help can we offer you fitting service and praise.
May we live the faith we profess and trust your promise of eternal life.

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn *O Worship the King* United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) 73

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is God's path on the wings of the storm.

3. The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Prayer of Confession

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.

First Tongan Church Anthem

Invitation to the Offering

Emily King

Offertory Prayer

Emily King

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

Finlandia

arr. J. Wayne Kerr (b. 1958)

UMH 95

*Doxology

UMH 298

*Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were an offering far too small;
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Scripture

1 John 2:1-2

English: Sandra Florstedt
Tongan: Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Message

Christ Died For You

Reverend Doug Norris

COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross

UMH 159

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore his sacred name.

3. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. [Refrain]

1. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sign.
The hosts of God in unity combine. [Refrain]

4. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [Refrain]

2. Each newborn servant of the Crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

*Alleluia

Postlude

Improvisation on Hymn to Joy

Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of my lifelong love
for Doug and Ellie Norris by Claudette Kayne.

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