

2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again,
and set thy judgments on the earth.

Stewardship Moment

Caryn Cranston

*Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

Pamela Cutkosky

Message

How Wide Is Your Church?

Emily Allen

*Closing Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

UMH 102

1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

*Benediction

Emily Allen

*Alleluia

Postlude

Fanfare

Jacques Lemmens (1823-1881)

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of my son
John Kumer's birthday by Carol Kumer.

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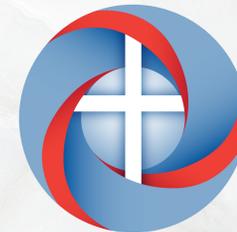


FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY October 23, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE



First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto

Sunday, October 23, 2022

Prelude *Prelude in E-flat Major* Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Welcome Emily King

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

We worship because the Lord stood by us on difficult days.

Even when we weren't aware and felt alone.

We worship because the Lord gives strength.

Even when we feel so weak.

We worship because we have been rescued again and again.

Even when we are afraid that we have lost.

Come and worship the God who stands with us in our darkest days and promises to be with us to the end.

We will worship in hope, seeking eyes to see and hearts to believe in God with us.

*Opening Hymn *How Firm a Foundation* UMH 529

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

4. "When through fiery trials thy pathways shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

VirtuAll Voices *Battle Belongs* Phil Wickham

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Baptism of Eliana Lyla Rao Officiant: Reverend Karen Paulsen UMH p. 39
Parents: Sarah and Ricky Rao

Prayer of Confession Emily Allen

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.

Lord's Prayer Emily Allen

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 *There is a Wideness in God's Mercy* Brenda Portman

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer Emily King

God of the universe, you were with us at the beginning of our lives, and you will be by our side when we draw our last breath. In between, we struggle through life, too often trying to find our way based on our own wants and desires. In our giving to you this day, may you bless us so that we might better keep our eyes focused on you, that one day we might be able to echo your servant Paul as he said, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." We pray this in the name of Jesus who loved us even to the cross! Amen.

Offertory *Christe Sanctorum* Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)
(*Christ is the World's Light*)

*Doxology UMH 95

*Hymn *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* UMH 730

1. O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgment now
to match our present hour.