

*Closing Hymn

Hope of the World

UMH 178

1. Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

2. Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

3. Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

4. Hope of the world, who by thy cross didst save us
from death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
we render back the love thy mercy gave us;
take thou our lives, and use them as thou wilt.

5. Hope of the world, O Christ o'er death victorious,
who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
we would be faithful to thy gospel glorious;
thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign.

*Benediction

Reverend Karen Paulsen

*Alleluia

Postlude

Toccata on Psalm 150

arr. Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952)

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of John and Mary
Rakitan, Lois' parents, by Art and Lois Hammar.

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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY October 9, 2022

10:45 AM SERVICE



Prelude *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling* John Ferguson (b. 1941)

Welcome Sumith Kalas

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

If we have died with him,
we will also live with him.
If we endure,
we will also reign with him. Amen!

*Opening Hymn *God of the Ages* UMH 698

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past;
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase;
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo García Palacios

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Karen Paulsen

Lord's Prayer Reverend Karen Paulsen

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 *Lord of All Hopefulness* arr. Nancy Grundahl

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer Sumith Kalas

God of love and compassion, the need for your presence in this world is often overwhelming. Confrontation and division are everywhere we look: in communities, in our countries, in our church, and in our world. We have endured much, and others have had to endure so much more. The apostle Paul reminds us that if we endure, we will reign with Jesus. May the gifts we give help all your children endure in these strange and challenging times. In the name of Jesus, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist* arr. J.S. Bach

*Doxology UMH 95

*Hymn *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* UMH 729

1. O day of peace that dimly shines
through all our hopes and prayers and dreams,
guide us to justice, truth, and love,
delivered from our selfish schemes.
May swords of hate fall from our hands,
our hearts from envy find release,
till by God's grace our warring world
shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb,
nor shall the fierce devour the small;
as beasts and cattle calmly graze,
a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love,
all creatures find their true accord;
the hope of peace shall be fulfilled,
for all the earth shall know the Lord.

Stewardship Moment Rick Allen, Marcia Sterling

Scripture *Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8* Sandra Florstedt

Message *Doubting Faith, but Hopeful* Reverend Karen Paulsen