

Scripture *1 Corinthians 1:1-2, 26-29* Sandra Florstedt

Message *Uniquely You* Reverend Doug Norris

*Hymn *Here I Am, Lord* UMH 593

I, the Lord of sea and sky
I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night
I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?

[Chorus]
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me
I will hold your people in my heart

[Chorus]

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain
I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them
They turn away
I will break their hearts of stone
Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?

*Benediction Reverend Doug Norris

Alleluia

Postlude *Festival Voluntary* Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
Kyle Trammell and David Bellardo by Patty & Lou Bellardo.

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

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Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
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Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Second Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 15, 2023

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude	<i>Sonata in D (Largo, Allegro)</i>	J.F. Fasch (1688-1758) Fiume di Musica
Welcome		Reverend Doug Norris
Life of the Community		Cedric Fellows
*Call to Worship		Cedric Fellows

I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.

Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

We sing, "Here I am, I have come— I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."

*Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* United Methodist Hymnal 577

1. God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

VirtuAll Voices *This Little Light of Mine* Traditional

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

Anthem *How Shall I Answer My God's Call* Lloyd Larson

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows

Offertory Prayer Cedric Fellows

Good and generous God, we bring our gifts to you this day and pray you might dedicate them to your work. We confess that we have too often missed being the church you wanted and needed, and we have placed the blame on "not having enough" money, members, talent, time, or power. We needed to be reminded by the apostle Paul that we have all that we need, whatever our circumstances. Renew us, loving God, and give us a new day and another chance. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *The Ash Grove* Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Doxology

Hymn *The Voice of God is Calling* UMH 436

1. The voice of God is calling
its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion,
and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor
my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
the bonds of shame and greed?"

2. "I hear my people crying
in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent,
no city street is still.
I see my people falling
in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter
the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons,
and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand,
let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes,
our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness
to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;
from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire;
lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy;
teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer;
command, and we obey!