

4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls,
And bid resentment cease;
Then, bound to all in bonds of love,
Our lives will spread your peace.

Scripture *Colossians 3: 8-17* Gladys Kalas

Message *A Beloved Community* Reverend Burke Owens

*Hymn *Now Thank We All Our Good* 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.

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.

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.

Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata from Symphony No. 5*
Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

*The postlude is in honor of Bill Nicholls' birthday, in gratitude
for all he does for the organ of FUMCPA.*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
of Bud Buttrill on his birthday by Judy Buttrill.

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

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Gerardo Garcia Palacios
Director of Music: Mark Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



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Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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Prelude *Préambule* Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Introit *Christian People, Raise Your Song* Colin P. Thompson

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Come, let us worship God!

Come, let us worship our Creator!

God is the great Sower, scattering seeds of life and abundance across the earth.

We are the soil the Sower plants, created to nurture and sustain the seeds of God's life-giving love.

God is the great Gardener, tilling and cultivating our soil with love and grace.

We notice the rocks and thorns in our soil and call on the Gardener's love and grace to transform us into good soil.

God is the great Life-giver, sowing seeds and tending the soil to produce the fruit of abundant life.

May we nurture and grow God's new reality, bearing the fruit of flourishing and abundance for all God's creation. Amen.

*Hymn *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* United Methodist Hymnal 101

1. From all that dwell below the skies,
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung,
through every land by every tongue.

2. Eternal are thy mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends thy word.
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
till suns shall rise and set no more.

3. Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,
in songs of praise divinely sing;
the great salvation loud proclaim,
and shout for joy the Savior's name.

4. In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong;
in cheerful sounds all voices raise,
and fill the world with loudest praise.

VirtuAll Voices *Dona Nobis Pacem (Traditional)*

Colleen Crangle, Christina Bellardo, Mira Dabrowski
guitar: Shashank Solomon

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Burke Owens

*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.

Summer Choir Anthem *Help Us Accept Each Other* S. Drummond Wolff

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer Linda Grossman

Creator God from whom all blessings grow: as we dedicate our tithes and offerings, we acknowledge that you have blessed us to be the fertile soil from which the good news of your kingdom will spring forth. Move us, we pray, beyond seeing our role as passive or powerless, depending totally on the quality of the seed and the expertise of the planter. Remind us that you are counting on us for fruitfulness, demonstrating for the world your love, grace, and power as we bear fruit that eases the suffering of the sick, feeds the hungry, brings justice to the oppressed and love and compassion to those who feel disconnected or forgotten. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Little Litanies of Jesus* Gabriel Grouvlez (1879-1944)
arr. Robert Hebble

*Doxology UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Hymn *Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive* UMH 390

1. 'Forgive our sins as we forgive,'
You taught us, Lord, to pray:
But you alone can grant us grace
To live the words we say.

2. How can your pardon reach and bless
The unforgiving heart
That broods on wrongs and will not let
Old bitterness depart?

3. In blazing light your cross reveals
The truth we dimly knew:
What trivial debts are owed to us,
How great our debt to you!