

Scripture      *Genesis 40: 2-5, 9-15, 20-23*      Lucy Tompkin  
Message      *Leaf and Flower, Fruit and Veraison*      Reverend Burke Owens  
\*Hymn      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,  
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.

Benediction      Reverend Burke Owens

Alleluia

Postlude      *Praeludium in C Major*      Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of  
my parents Mirek & Frances Dabrowski by Mira Dabrowski.

*\*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



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**

# **Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



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Prelude *Andante* Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Introit *O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord* Douglas Wagner

\*Hymn *O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* United Methodist Hymnal 57

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| 1. O for a thousand tongues to sing<br>my great Redeemer's praise,<br>the glories of my God and King,<br>the triumphs of his grace! | 3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,<br>that bids our sorrows cease;<br>'tis music in the sinner's ears,<br>'tis life, and health, and peace. |
| 2. My gracious Master and my God,<br>assist me to proclaim,<br>to spread through all the earth abroad<br>the honors of thy name.    | 4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,<br>he sets the prisoner free;<br>his blood can make the foulest clean;<br>his blood availed for me.        |

Life of the Community Emily King

Call to Worship Emily King

Pilgrims on the way, when we feel lost and ask for a sign to show us the way out of our confusion,  
**We remember that when we gather to worship, we find God in our midst.**  
When we face obstacles and barriers that keep us from the life God has called us to,  
**We remember that God is always at work among us, protecting and tending our well-being.**  
When we cannot find our way out of conflict and discord,  
**We remember that God calls and equips us for the work of reconciliation.**  
Pilgrims on the way, when we watch for signs of God among us,  
**Let us remember that we too are signs of God's presence for others! Amen.**

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

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.**

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer Emily King

**God of love and compassion, we ask you to dedicate the tithes and offerings we bring to worship. We do this in the hope that you will do more with them than we could ever do on our own to heal the brokenness and division in our world. Remind us that the work of reconciliation does not get removed from our list because we put something in the offering and that the mission field is within our arms' reach. Amen.**

Offertory *Sweet Hour of Prayer* arr. Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

\*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 *All Things Bright and Beautiful* UMH 147

Refrain:  
All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one. (Refrain)

1. Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
and made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

4. God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well.  
(Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky. (Refrain)