

Scripture *Galatians 1: 13-24* Stephanie Zeller

Message *Stewarding Silicon Valley, Palo Alto, and our Church*
Reverend Burke Owens

*Hymn *Many Gifts, One Spirit* UMH 114

God of change and glory,
God of time and space,
when we fear the future,
give to us your grace.
In the midst of changing ways
give us still the grace to praise.

2. God of many colors,
God of many signs,
you have made us different,
blessing many kinds.
As the old ways disappear,
let your love cast out our fear.
(Refrain)

Refrain:
Many gifts, one Spirit,
one love known in many ways.
In our difference is blessing,
from diversity we praise
on Giver, on Lord, one Spirit, one Word
known in many ways,
hallowing our days.
For the Giver, for the gifts,
praise, praise, praise!

3. Freshness of the morning,
newness of each night,
you are still creating
endless love and light.
This we see, as shadows part,
many gifts from one great heart.
(Reprise)

Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

Alleluia

Postlude *Allegro maestoso e vivace* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Altar flowers are given by Nancy Glaser to the glory of God and in dedication to the suffering people around the world. May their lives be blessed.

**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

Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2023
10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Enigma Variations - Nimrod* Edward Elgar (1857-1934)
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Stewardship Moment Nancy Glaser

Anthem *What Shall I Offer My God?* Lloyd Larsen

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

We are God's people! God's presence is among us!

Like Moses, we seek an encounter with God's goodness.

God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

God's goodness passes by us every day in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

God, help us notice your goodness in everything and everyone that we meet.

When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

Let us give to God the things that are God's! 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 *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

John Newton, John P. Rees, Edwing Othello
Excell, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

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 *An Offering* Dan Forest

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, source of every good gift: the tithes and offerings we bring to you are simply a token of our desire to walk more closely beside you. We give, knowing that "rendering unto you what is yours" would mean leaving everything at your altar – all we have and all we are. We are not there yet, but with your help, we are on the road to getting there. Bless what we give; may it speak words of compassion, mercy, and love as it empowers your mission and ministry. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus, whose light we seek to follow. Amen.

Offertory *Offertory in D-flat Major* Daniel Gawthrop (b. 1949)

*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 *My Gratitude, Now Accept, O God* FWS 2044

My gratitude now accept O God.
For tender care that You provide;
For Your abundant faithfulness.
Endless is Your supply.

3. I bring to You all my love and praise.
I glorify and bless Your name.
Let me adore You, Holy One,
With every breath I take.

2. From all Your bounty I give to You;
For all the blessings You impart.
Receive this offering I bring.
Receive my joyful heart.

4. All that is living belongs to You;
All that I am in Your hands kept.
From the abundance of Your hand,
Gifts from the heart accept.