

*Hymn *Now Thank We All Our God* 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.

Scripture *Psalm 100* Julianne Stafford

Message *Thanksgiving for All Our Blessings* Reverend Burke Owens

*Hymn *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God* UMH 604

1. Praise and thanksgiving be to God our maker,
source of all blessing, prodigal creator.
Baptized and made your own, now we come before you, while we adore you.

2. Not our own holiness, nor that we have striven
brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have given.
Baptized and set apart, strengthen us, O Savior, with grace and favor.

3. Come, Holy Spirit, come in visitation;
you are the truth, our hope, our salvation.
Baptize with joy and power, give, O Dove descending, life never ending.

4. Praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
one Lord, one faith, one source of every merit.
Here now renew your church through this water given; grant peace from heaven.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude that
I have another birthday to celebrate by Patty Bellardo.

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



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023

10:45 AM SERVICE



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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood (1934-2003)
Introit *Sing to the Lord with Thanksgiving* Keith Rowley
Welcome Reverend Burke Owens
Life of the Community Cedric Fellows
*Call to Worship Cedric Fellows

God is great, and greatly to be praised!

We thank you, God, for families and friends. We thank you for the warmth of kitchens, quilts, and good neighbors.

God, how great is your name throughout the earth!

We thank you, God, for newborn kittens and faithful dogs, for pine trees and sunlight and crisp, clean air.

Blessed be God, the rock of our salvation!

We thank you, God, for the sound of laughter and the touch of love, for brand new mornings and for dreams held close.

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise.

Come! Let us worship God.

*Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* United Methodist Hymnal 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

VirtuAll Voices

How Great is Our God

By Chris Tomlin, Jesse Cash, Ed Reeves; Arr. by Dan Galbraith
Sung by Christina Bellardo, Mira Dabrowski

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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter
Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows

Offertory Prayer

Lord of peace and serenity, receive the gifts we bring this day as we present them in thankfulness and joy. We bring ourselves as our offering, that in living lives of truth, justice, honor, and excellence, we might please you and be worthy of your never-failing love and presence with us. Grateful that Christ and the Holy Spirit might dwell in us, we pray in Jesus' holy name. Amen.

Offertory *Now Thank We All Our God* Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

*Doxology

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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!