

Scripture *1 Kings 8:65-66* Brenda Fellows

Message *Gratitude For This Wonderful World* Reverend Burke Owens

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*Closing Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62 v. 1-4, 7

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
"O praise ye! Alleluia!"  
O brother sun with golden beam,  
O sister moon with silver gleam,  
O praise ye, O praise ye!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O brother wind, air clouds and rain,  
by which all creatures ye sustain,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice,  
O praise ye, O praise ye!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. O sister water, flowing clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
O brother fire who lights the night,  
providing warmth, enhancing sight,  
O praise ye, O praise ye!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them God's glory also show!  
O praise ye! O praise ye!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

7. Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness;  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;  
O praise ye, O praise ye!  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

\*Alleluia

Postlude *Grand Chœur* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of  
the birthdays of Annie King and Anna Leong by Linda Grossman.

*\*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-third Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2023

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

A hesitant question and a hopeful heart,  
**A patient answer and a tender smile,**  
A search for truth,  
**An openness to share.**  
We journey toward God and each other,  
**Seeking love, and understanding and forgiveness.**  
In the name of Christ, who holds us close.  
**In the name of Christ who continues to love us and forgive us.**

\*Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* UMH 92

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light; (Refrain)

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight; (Refrain)

4. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
(Refrain)

5. For thy church, that evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
offering up on every shore  
her pure sacrifice of love; (Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
(Refrain)

VirtuAll Voices *Full to the Brim* Paul Demer

Christina Bellardo, Mira Dabrowski

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.**

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

Lord, we thank you for Your faithfulness. Thank You that we can always trust in You. Let us pray together.  
**We bring these gifts to you, Holy God, with cheerfulness and joyful hearts. Receive them from our open eyes, open hearts and open hands. Use these gifts and use us to expand your work here and around the world. Amen.**

Offertory *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* arr. Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* UMH 198

1. My soul gives glory to my God,  
My heart pours out its praise.  
God lifted up my lowliness  
In many marvelous ways.

2. My God has done great things for me:  
Yes, holy is this Name.  
All people will declare me blessed,  
And blessings they shall claim.

3. From age to age to all who fear,  
Such mercy love imparts,  
Dispensing justice far and near,  
Dismissing selfish hearts.

4. Love casts the mighty from their  
thrones,  
Promotes the insecure,  
Leaves hungry spirits satisfied;  
The rich seem suddenly poor.

5. Praise God, whose loving covenant  
Supports those in distress,  
Remembering past promises  
With present faithfulness.