

Scripture *Wisdom 19: 18-22* Linda Grossman

Message *Epiphany in Art and Culture* Reverend Burke Owens

*Closing Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata on "Aberystwyth"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of
my niece Elaine Encinas' birthday 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

Third Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 21, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Flute of Grace* Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1948)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Life of the Community Emily King

Joy of Giving Campaign Nancy Glaser, Social Action Chair

*Call to Worship Emily King

Christ is calling you as disciples.
Lord Jesus, let us follow you faithfully.
You will be led into fields of mission and service.
Lord Jesus, where you lead us, we will go.
Listen for Christ's call to you.
We are ready to serve the Lord!

*Hymn *An Artist Had a Vision*
tune of "The Church's One Foundation," UMH 545

An artist had a vision, both beautiful and good.
He'd make a lovely mural to grace his neighborhood.
He'd make it out of pieces of broken glass and tile.
He'd put them all together and see his neighbors smile.

He gently chose the pieces; he loved each little one.
Their textures and their corners caught sparkles in the sun.
The reds and blues and yellows, pastels and many more,
Together brought such beauty where none had been before.

O God, you are the artist, creator of the earth.
You place in every person our beauty and our worth.
You bring us all together, as one community,
A beautiful mosaic for all your world to see.

We thank you for Mosaic and all who do their part:
Some help with daily living; some give a brand new start.
Some advocate for others; some smile and show the way.
May we make your world better — more beautiful each day.

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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!

*Lord's Prayer Reverend Burke Owens

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 *When In Our Music God Is Glorified* Judy Hunnicutt

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, we ask you to bless the gifts we give this morning. We ask that you help grow the trust in us so that we might follow without looking back and we might leave behind more of our old lives to experience more deeply new life in you. Help us to leave our nets on the shore and leave those things that seemed essential before we heard the call, so that we might travel the road you have put before us. In the name of Christ who goes before us and beside us, we pray. Amen

Offertory *Prelude on Amazing Grace* Ikuko Weller (b. 1962)

*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* FWS 2238

In the midst of new dimensions,
in the face of changing ways.
Who will lead the pilgrim peoples
wandering in their separate ways?

Refrain:
God of rainbow, fiery pillar,
leading where the eagles soar,
We your people, ours the journey
now and ever, now and ever,
now and evermore

2. Through the flood of starving people,
warring factions and despair,
Who will lift the olive branches?
Who will light the flame of care? [Refrain]

3. As we stand a world divided
by our own self-seeking schemes,
Grant that we, your global village
might envision wider dreams. [Refrain]

4. We are man and we are woman,
all persuasions, old and young,
Each a gift in your creation,
each a love song to be sung. [Refrain]

5. Should the threats of dire predictions
cause us to withdraw in pain,
May your blazing phoenix spirit
resurrect the church again. [Refrain]