

\*Scripture *John 1:35-51* Dr. Brenda Fellows

Message *Jesus' Healing and Teaching* Reverend Burke Owens

\*Closing Hymn *Nobody Knows the Trouble I See* UMH 520

Refrain:  
Nobody knows the trouble I see,  
nobody knows but Jesus;  
oh, nobody knows the trouble I see,  
glory hallelujah!

1. Sometimes I'm up,  
sometimes I'm down,  
Oh, yes, Lord!  
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground,  
Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

2. Although you see me going long so,  
Oh, yes, Lord!  
I have my troubles here below,  
Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

3. What makes old Satan hate me so?  
Oh, yes, Lord!  
Cause he got me once and let me go,  
Oh, yes, Lord! (Refrain)

\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

Postlude *Soon I Will Be Done* Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and  
in celebration of Kayli's birthday by Susan Harris.

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

Senior Pastor: Reverend Burke Owens  
Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries: Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios  
Director of Music: Mark Shaull  
Organist: Diane Keller  
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



**FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# **Second Sunday in Lent**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2024**

Prelude *This Little Light of Mine* Calvin Taylor (b. 1948)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Introit *O Savior of the World* Eleanor Daley

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

\*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Lenten travelers, who is this Jesus that we follow?

**He is the Messiah.**

What kind of Messiah is Jesus?

**He is the Messiah who teaches that he will lose his life and who calls us to lose our lives in order to save our lives.**

How does it feel to follow a Messiah whose teachings and call are so hard and uncomfortable?

**Some feel fear and anger, while others feel uncertain and anxious, and still others feel resolute and ready to follow.**

Lenten travelers, we are not alone in our feelings about following Jesus as our Messiah. It is a hard road. The blessing is that we do not travel it alone.

**Thanks be to God that we share this journey with Jesus and one another as we lose our lives for the sake of the gospel to save our lives through Jesus, our Messiah. Amen.**

\*Hymn *Rejoice, the Lord is King* UMH 715

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
 Your Lord and King adore;  
 mortals, give thanks and sing,  
 and triumph evermore.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns,  
 the God of truth and love;  
 when he had purged our stains,  
 he took his seat above.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail;  
 he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 the keys of earth and hell  
 are to our Jesus given.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
 rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope!  
 Jesus the Judge shall come,  
 and take his servants up  
 to their eternal home.  
 We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;  
 the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Children's Moment Pamela Cutkosky

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 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Molly Ijames

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

**God of Boundless Goodness: We have come to this place this day to worship you with our songs, with our words, with our gifts, and with our whole hearts. We are reminded that our discipleship decision involves more than what we bring this day to the altar; it calls us to a place where a cross that is ours alone must be picked up and carried. This, more than anything else, is why we need the community of your church. Strengthen us, we pray, not just to carry our own cross, but to help sisters and brothers carry their crosses as well. In the name of the one who bore his cross for us. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn *There is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

Refrain:  
 There is a balm in Gilead  
 to make the wounded whole;  
 there is a balm in Gilead  
 to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged,  
 and think my work's in vain.  
 But then the Holy Spirit  
 revives my soul again.  
 (Refrain)

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,  
 for Jesus is your friend,  
 and if you look for knowledge  
 he'll ne'er refuse to lend.  
 (Refrain)

3. If you can't preach like Peter,  
 if you can't pray like Paul,  
 just tell the love of Jesus,  
 and say he died for all.  
 (Refrain)