

Scripture *1 Corinthians 9:16-23* English: Alan Cooper  
Tongan: Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

Message *Respect and Patience in Community*  
Reverend Burke Owens

**HOLY COMMUNION**

\*Closing Hymn *Christ for the World We Sing* UMH 568

1. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with loving zeal;  
the poor, and them that mourn,  
the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,  
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost,  
by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost,  
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with one accord;  
with us the work to share,  
with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear,  
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing,  
the world to Christ we bring,  
with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days,  
reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise,  
to Christ belong.

\*Benediction Rev. Burke Owens, Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

\*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata on "Great Day"* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory  
of Andrew Birrell by Brenda Birrell.

*\*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 PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
and FIRST TONGAN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# **Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2024  
10:45 AM SERVICE**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

Prelude *Prelude on "We Shall Overcome"* Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)

Welcome Rev. Burke Owens, Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

People of God, welcome! Surely God is in this place!

**We come to worship and to rest in God's presence.**

Breathe deep for the goodness of God surrounds us.

**The Holy One who sustains the universe is near.**

When we are tired, worn down, and carrying heavy burdens, God is with us.

**God strengthens us that we might help carry one another's burdens.**

So, let us join together in wonder and thanksgiving for God's love that lifts us up like wings on eagles.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn *Lead On, O King Eternal* UMH 580

1. Lead on, O King eternal,  
the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest  
thy tents shall be our home.  
Through days of preparation  
thy grace has made us strong;  
and now, O King eternal,  
we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,  
till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper  
the sweet amen of peace.  
For not with swords loud clashing,  
nor roll of stirring drums;  
with deeds of love and mercy  
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,  
we follow, not with fears,  
for gladness breaks like morning  
where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,  
we journey in its light;  
the crown awaits the conquest;  
lead on, O God of might.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

First Tongan Church Anthem

Prayers of the People Rev. Burke Owens, Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, for these gifts,  
**we give you thanks!**

\*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 *Laude Jehovam Omnes Gentes*  
Georg Philipp Telemann (1681-1767)

*Laudate Dominum, omnes gentes; laudate eum, omnes populi*  
O praise the Lord, all ye heathen: praise him, all ye nations.  
*Quoniam confirmata est super nos misericordia ejus, et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.*  
For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us: and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Praise the Lord.

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

**God of power and patience, we gather in worship to wait on your presence and to be filled with your power. Jesus healed with a touch and taught us that you are the source of the true healing that can make us whole. As we take time now in worship to offer our gifts to you, we pray that they might be used to bring healing: of body, of spirit, of broken relationships; healing of a planet that is groaning under our carelessness and greed; healing of a world community that is deeply divided by distrust and self-interest. We pray this in Jesus' holy name. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn *As a Fire Is Meant for Burning* FWS 2237

1. As a fire is meant for burning with a bright and warming flame, so the church is meant for mission, giving glory to God's name. Not to preach our creeds or customs, but to build a bridge of care, we join hands across the nations, finding neighbors everywhere.

2. We are learners; we are teachers; we are pilgrims on the way. We are seekers; we are givers; we are vessels made of clay. By our gentle, loving actions we would show that Christ is light. In a humble, listening spirit we would live to God's delight.

3. As a green bud in the springtime is a sign of life renewed, so may we be signs of oneness 'mid earth's peoples, many hued. As a rainbow lights the heavens when a storm is past and gone, may our lives reflect the radiance of God's new and glorious dawn.