

*Scripture *Matthew 5:1-11* English: Rick Allen
Tongan: Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

Message *Sermon on the Mount* Reverend Burke Owens
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* UMH 154

1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

4. Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.
Hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him Lord of all.

5. Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.
Extol the Stem of Jesse's Rod,
and crown him Lord of all.

3. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

*Benediction Rev. Burke Owens, Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

*Alleluia

Postlude *Postlude on "Darwall's 148th"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of
Louise Pietrangelo, Beloved Mother of Caroline Pietrangelo Owens.

**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**

Third Sunday of Lent

**SUNDAY MARCH 3, 2024
10:45 AM SERVICE**



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024

Prelude *Meditation on "Finlandia"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Welcome Rev. Burke Owens, Rev. Sepuloni Feleunga

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Lenten travelers, why are you here?

We gather to do the work of worship.

Lenten travelers, what happens when we gather to worship?

We listen and proclaim. We sing and pray. We repent and encourage.

Lenten travelers, how do we do the work of worship?

We bring all that we are to be present to God and one another.

Lenten travelers, what work does God do in worship?

God raises us up so that we can delight in life together with God and one another.

Lenten travelers, come, let us worship God together!

Come, let us worship God together! Amen.

*Hymn *Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit*

Blessed are the poor in spirit; all God's realm is surely theirs.
Those in mourning will find comfort as an answer to their prayers.
Meek ones whom this world despises will inherit everything.
God, your kingdom still surprises; may we seek the reign you bring.

Blessed, too, are those who hunger and who thirst for what is right.
They will not be prone to wander, for your will is their delight.
Those who show God's care and mercy will receive that mercy too.
God, in Christ you show us clearly of the joy we have in you.

Those who share the peace God gives them will find blessings as God's own.
Those oppressed for faithful living will call heaven's kingdom Home.
When the world's ways seem distressing and we feel life's painful sting,
God, remind us of the blessings of the wondrous life you bring.

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 *Blessed Are the Pure of Heart* Woldemar Voullaire

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, all we have comes from you and has been given to us as stewards that we might live and love as your beloved children. As we bring our gifts this morning, we realize what a small portion they are compared to what you have given to us. As we have sought ways to fund church ministry without raising our level of sacrifice, forgive us. If there have been times when we unconsciously favored reaching those with more assets to give and overlooked those who live and struggle with little, forgive us. Guide us in the path of repentance. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn *Cuando El Pobre* UMH 434

Solo:

When the poor ones who have nothing share with strangers,
when the thirsty water give unto us all,
when the crippled in their weakness strengthen others,
Refrain: Then we know that God still goes that road with us. (x2)

Duet:

When at least all those who suffer find their comfort,
when they hope though even hope seems hopelessness,
when we love though hate at times seems all around us, (Refrain)

Choir:

When our joy fills up our cup to overflowing,
when our lips can speak no words other than true,
when we know that love for simple things is better, (Refrain)

Congregation:

When our homes are filled with goodness in abundance,
when we learn how to make peace instead of war,
when each stranger that we meet is called a neighbor, (Refrain)