

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn *Ye Servants of God* UMH 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful name;
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;
all honor and blessing with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in remembrance of a sunny May 4th
when Richard and I were married under a chuppah in the backyard
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 PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sixth Sunday of Easter

**SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024
10:45 AM SERVICE**



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SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024

Prelude *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Introit *The Fountain of Life* Eleanor Daley

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62 verses 1-4, 7

1. All creatures of our God and king,
 lift up your voice with us and sing,
 O praise ye! Alleluia!
 O brother sun with golden beam,
 O sister moon with silver gleam!
 [Refrain] 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 evening find a voice!
 [Refrain]

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,
 [Refrain]

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!
 [Refrain]

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!
 [Refrain]

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Sing A Jubilant Song* Douglas E. Wagner
 Diane Allen, soprano

Scripture *Acts 17: 22-31* Bill Davidson

Message *Paul Teaches and Travels Far and Wide*
 Reverend Burke Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People

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.

*Hymn *All My Hope is Firmly Grounded* UMH 132

1. All my hope is firmly grounded
 in the great and living Lord;
 who, whenever I most need him,
 never fails to keep his word,
 God I must wholly trust,
 God the ever good and just.

2. Tell me, who can trust our nature,
 human, weak, and insecure?
 Which of all the airy castles
 can the hurricane endure?
 Built on sand, naught can stand
 by our earthly wisdom planned.

3. But in every time and season,
 out of loves abundant store,
 God sustains the whole creation,
 fount of life forever more.
 We who share the earth and air
 count on God's unfailing care.

4. Thank, O thank, our great Creator,
 through God's only Son this day;
 God alone, the heavenly potter,
 made us out of earth and clay.
 Quick to heed, strong indeed,
 God shall all the people feed.

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

God of joy, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.