

Offertory Prayer

**Gracious God, in awe of your omniscience, we offer our gifts today. Just as you intimately know us, help us understand and trust in your vastness. As we reflect on our beliefs, may our stewardship reflect our trust in your guiding hand. Guide us to embody our creed, living as a community of faith in love, service, and action. Bless these offerings as a symbol of our commitment to live out our beliefs. Amen.**

Offertory *Missa Festiva - Sanctus*

\*Doxology UMH 94

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*Closing Hymn *God of Love and God of Power* UMH 578

1. God of love and God of power,  
grant us in this burning hour  
grace to ask these gifts of thee,  
daring hearts and spirits free.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.

3. All our lives belong to thee,  
thou our final loyalty;  
slaves are we whene'er we share  
that devotion anywhere.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.

2. We are not the first to be  
banished by our fears from thee;  
give us courage, let us hear  
heaven's trumpets ringing clear.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.

4. God of love and God of power,  
make us worthy of this hour;  
offering lives if it's thy will,  
keeping free our spirits still.  
God of love and God of power,  
thou hast called us for this hour.

\*Benediction Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Sung Benediction *Missa Festiva - Agnus Dei*

\*Alleluia

Postlude *Trumpet Tune in C* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Art Hammar on his 85th birthday and Janet Nicholls on her 80th birthday, by their children and grandchildren.

*\*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  
FIRST TONGAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**

# Second Sunday After Pentecost COMMUNION SUNDAY

**SUNDAY JUNE 2, 2024  
10:45 AM SERVICE**



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SUNDAY, JUNE 2, 2024

Prelude *Invocation in B-flat Major* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Passing the Peace

Introit *Missa Festiva - Kyrie* John Leavitt

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

The psalmist declares, "Lord, you have searched me and known me." Will you open yourselves to be searched by God?

**Search us, O God, and know our hearts.**

The Triune God who creates all and knows all is revealed in running rivers and fluttering butterflies, in warm sunshine and the smell of the earth. Will you pay attention?

**We will pay attention, O God, to your fingerprint of love on all of creation.**

Open our hearts today to encounter your love, holiness, and glory that create and sustain all that was, is, and will be.

**We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, the all-knowing Creator and Sustainer of life.**

\*Hymn *Gather Us In* FWS 2236

1. Here in this place new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away,  
see in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken,  
gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken,  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a mystery,  
we are the old who yearn for your face,  
we have been sung throughout all of history,  
called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,  
gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly,  
give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,  
here we will take the bread of new birth,  
here you shall call your sons  
and your daughters,  
call us anew to be salt of the earth.  
Gather us to drink the wine of compassion,  
give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion  
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,  
not in some heaven, light years away, but  
here in this place the new light is shining,  
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever,  
gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together,  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Missa Festiva - Gloria*

Scripture *Genesis 41:14-32* Jeff King

Message *Hearing the Holy* Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Moment of Silence

First Tongan Anthem

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend 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 *Missa Festiva - Credo*

\*Hymn *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* UMH 68

1. When in our music God is glorified,  
and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
it is as though the whole creation cried Alleluia!

2. How often, making music, we have found  
a new dimension in the world of sound,  
as worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia!

3. So has the church in liturgy and song,  
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,  
borne witness to the truth in every tongue, Alleluia!

4. And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night  
when utmost evil strove against the light?  
Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight: Alleluia!

5. Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia!

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky