

Offertory Prayer

Eternal God, the Source of all blessings, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and reverence. As we offer our gifts and reflect on your word this day, we ponder our role as stewards of your blessings. Guide us to bless our leaders with prayers for wisdom and compassion. May they lead with justice and righteousness, reflecting your will for peace and unity. Strengthen our commitment to love and serve others, as we strive to fulfill your divine purpose in the world. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing 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.

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.

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.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *March on the Old Hundredth Psalm Tune*
Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

**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

Father's Day

SUNDAY JUNE 16, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
FATHER'S DAY
SUNDAY, JUNE 16 2024

Prelude *How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

We believe God will save us in times of trouble.

We know what God has done for us. Help us when we forget.

We call on God's power when we feel powerless to respond, believing and knowing that God will save.

We believe and we know that God will answer when we call.

God, open our hearts today to encounter your love that acts with us and through us to bring flourishing to all of your creation.

We come today to enter the dance of the Trinity, who is all-powerful to save. Amen.

*Hymn *Thank You, God, for Fathers*

Sung to the hymn tune of "Onward, Christian Soldiers" UMH 575
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Thank you, God, for fathers
who have — day by day —
sought to lead their children
in your loving way.
They show through their nurture,
through deeds great and small,
love without condition
as you love us all.

Refrain:
Thank you, God, for fathers
here and everywhere.
Bless them in their calling;
Lord, this is our prayer.

2. Thank you, God, for fathers,
foster dads and kin,
grandfathers and all who
welcome children in.
May we be a witness
to each loving home:
all are loved and welcomed.
None need walk alone.

[Refrain]

Children's Moment Pamela Cutkosky

Summer Choir Anthem *Siyahamba* South African Folk Song
arr. Victor C. Johnson

Scripture *2 Corinthians 2:14-17* Nancy Glaser

Message *Smells Like Spirit* Reverend Burke Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

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.

*Hymn *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee* UMH 142

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee,
and hope in God through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,
and bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure
in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure
and all-discerning love hath sent;
we know our inmost wants are known,
for we are called to be God's own.

3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;
so do thine own part faithfully,
and trust God's word; though undeserving,
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.
God never yet forsook at need
the soul that trusted God indeed.

Invitation to the Offering Emily King