## 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

The Grace of Jesus

Godwin Sadoh (b. 1965)

\*Doxology

**UMH 94** 

\*Closing Hymn

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

**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

God of Grace

Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Curt and Carol Gleason's 70th wedding anniversary on June 20th.

\*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

## Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JUNE 23, 2024 10:45 AM SERVICE



## FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **SUNDAY, JUNE 23 2024**

Prelude

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

\*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Beloved, when sorrow and hardship abound and events across an ocean and down the block shake our resolve and make us question what good the good news is even doing, God calls to us...

Open your heart.

When fear and misinformation infiltrate our relationships, and we don't know who to trust or how to do the next right thing, God calls to us...

Open your heart.

When joy overflows, and we witness the fruit of grace all around us, transforming our lives and our communities into places of connection and flourishing, God calls to us...

Open your heart.

May this time of worship be for each of us a time to listen to God's call to open our hearts and accept the divine invitation to say yes to the work of grace in us, among us, and all around us.

God, we open our hearts to receive your gift of grace, knowing you hold us securely in the palm of your hands that we might have the courage to live in vulnerable community with you and one another. Amen.

\*Hymn Come Down, O Love Divine **UMH 475** 

- 1. Come down. O Love divine. seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
- 2. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

3. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far outpass the power of human telling: for none can guess its grace. till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Summer Choir Anthem Taste and See that the Lord Is Good

Llovd Larsen

Alan Cooper

Scripture John 2:1-11

The Flavor of Grace Reverend Burke Owens Message

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

Lord in your mercy, Lord, for these gifts. hear our prayer. 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.

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word \*Hymn **UMH 596** 

- 1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word we are gathered all to hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee. by thy teachings sweet and holy,
- 2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded. till thy spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded. Thou alone to God canst win us: thou must work all good within us.
- 3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart! Light of light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart: help us by thy spirit's pleading; hear the cry thy people raises; drawn from earth to love thee solely. hear, and bless our prayers and praises.

Invitation to the Offering

Linda Grossman