Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, in this sacred moment of offering, we recognize your sovereignty and mercy. As we present our gifts, may they reflect our gratitude for your presence in our lives, amid the complexities and uncertainties of our journeys. Guide us to dance with abandon, even amid our doubts and struggles, trusting in your steadfast love and grace. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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- 1. Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
 Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.
- 2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
 Let us all in thee inherit;
 let us find that second rest.
 Take away our bent to sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 end of faith, as its beginning,
 set our hearts at liberty.
- 3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
- 4. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude

Improvisation on "Hymn to Joy"

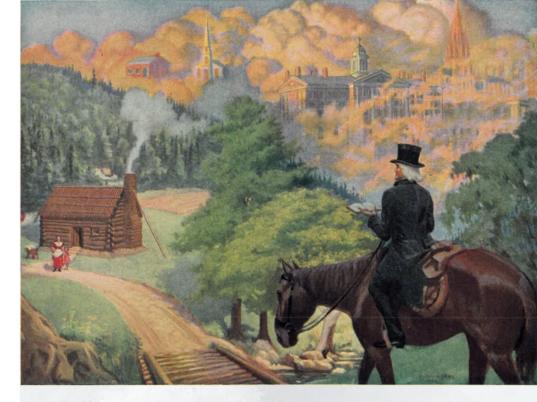
Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Chen Kong Ling by Anna & Darrell Leong and Family.

*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

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 14, 2024 10:45 AM SERVICE



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SUNDAY, JULY 14 2024

Prelude Air, from Orchestral Suite No. 3 in D Major J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community

Emily King

*Call to Worship

Emily King

UMH 386

When we witness our work bear good fruit and rejoice in all God has done among us...

we gather for worship.

When misunderstanding and misinformation threaten to divide instead of unite us...

we gather for worship.

When we dance together in the joy of knowing we belong to God and one another...

we gather for worship.

When we stumble and bumble our way forward as God's grace guides us into greater love and deeper communion...

we gather for worship. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

- 1 Come, O thou Traveler unknown, whom still I hold, but cannot see! My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee. With thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day; with thee all night I mean to stay, and wrestle till the break of day.
- 2. I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin declare; thyself hast called me by my name, look on thy hands and read it there. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now. But who, I ask thee, who art thou? Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
- 3. Yield to me now, for I am weak, but confident in self-despair!
 Speak to my heart, in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer.
 Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.
 Speak, or thou never hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.
- 4 'Tis Love! 'tis Love! Thou diedst for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart. The morning breaks, the shadows flee, pure, Universal Love thou art. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love. To me, to all, thy mercies move; thy nature and thy name is Love.

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Summer Choir Anthem

Beloved. Let Us Love One Another

Pepper Choplin

Scripture

1 John 4:16-21

Tom Fingar

Message

Come O Thou Traveler Unknown: Methodism in America

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

The Gift of Love

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- 1. Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.
- 2. Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.
- 3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

Invitation to the Offering

Emily King