

Offertory Prayer

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen.

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*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing Hymn *O God of Every Nation* UMH 435

1. O God of every nation,
of every race and land,
redeem your whole creation
with your almighty hand;
where hate and fear divide us,
and bitter threats are hurled,
in love and mercy guide us,
and heal our strife-torn world.

2. From search for wealth and power
and scorn of truth and right,
from trust in bombs that shower
destruction through the night,
from pride of race and station
and blindness to your way,
deliver every nation,
eternal God, we pray.

3. Lord, strengthen all who labor
that all may find release
from fear of rattling saber,
from dread of war's increase;
when hope and courage falter,
Lord, let your voice be heard;
with faith that none can alter,
your servants undergird.

4. Keep bright in us the vision
of days when war shall cease,
when hatred and division
give way to love and peace,
till dawns the morning glorious
when truth and justice reign,
and Christ shall rule victorious
o'er all the world's domain.

*Benediction Reverend Hubert Ivery

*Alleluia

Postlude *Trumpet Intrada* John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in celebration
of Art and Lois Hammar's 63rd wedding anniversary
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

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 28, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 28 2024

Prelude *Toccatina on Nettleton* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Introducing Reverend Hubert Ivery Cedric Fellows

Welcome Reverend Hubert Ivery

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Cedric Fellows

*Call to Worship Cedric Fellows

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.
We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.
 Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.
We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.
 However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.
We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

*Hymn *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* UMH 400

<p>1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.</p> <p>2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.</p>	<p>3. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.</p>
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Children's Moment Pamela Cutkosky

Summer Choir Anthem *I Will Sing Praise* Joseph Martin

Scripture *Psalms 145: 10-18* Janet Nicholls

Message *The Goodness of God* Reverend Hubert Ivery

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Hubert Ivery

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.	Lord, for these gifts, we give you thanks!
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*Lord's Prayer Reverend Hubert Ivery

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 *Help Us Accept Each Other* UMH 560

1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.
2. Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them, or as they may become.
3. Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice your acceptance, until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter's healing art.
4. Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on; renew us with your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows