

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing Hymn *Lord, I Want to Be A Christian in my Heart* UMH 402

1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

*Benediction Timothy Loewen-Elofson

*Alleluia

Postlude *Toccata in D Minor* Gaston Bélier (1863-1938)

Altar flowers to the glory of God and in celebration of
James (age 6), Eleanor and Sarah's birthdays this week by Brenda Birrell.

**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 Shaul
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY AUGUST 18, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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Prelude From *All That Dwells Below the Skies* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Introducing Timothy Loewen-Elofson Sumith Kalas

Welcome Timothy Loewen-Elofson, LAUMC

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Disciples of Christ, have you come today to receive a good word?
Yes! We come to receive a good word and blessing to carry with us into the world. God blessed Solomon in a dream. Are you ready to dream?
 Yes! We come to dream of God's blessings we will carry with us into the world.
 God blesses us when we worship together. Are you ready to worship?
Yes! We come to worship God together as we share in the good word of God's grace.
 Then, come! Let us worship with rejoicing!
Praise be to God who gives us wisdom and draws us together as the family of God! Amen

*Hymn *We Are Called* FWS 2172

1. Come! Live in the light!
 Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
 We are called to be light for the kingdom,
 to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain:
 We are called to act with justice,
 we are called to love tenderly,
 we are called to serve one another,
 to walk humbly with God!

2. Come! Open your heart!
 Show your mercy to all those in fear!
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless
 so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
 [Refrain]

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Summer Choir Anthem *Awake My Heart* Jane Marshall

Scripture *1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14* Jerry Johnson

Message *Power of Stories* Timothy Loewen-Elofson

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Timothy Loewen-Elofson

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Lord, for these gifts,
we give you thanks!

*Lord's Prayer Timothy Loewen-Elofson

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 *Open Our Eyes, Lord* FWS 2086

Open our eyes, Lord,
 we want to see Jesus,
 to reach out and touch him.
 and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord,
 and help us to listen.
 Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we come before you, recognizing your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. As we offer our gifts, we also lift our hearts in prayer for all who are burdened with pain and uncertainty. May your healing touch reach those in need and may your love bring comfort and strength to troubled hearts. We entrust our prayers to you, knowing that you hear and respond with boundless grace. Amen.