

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Closing Hymn *In Unity We Lift Our Song* FWS 2221

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| <p>1. In unity we lift our song of grateful adoration, for brothers brave and sisters strong. What cause for celebration! For those whose faithfulness has kept us through distress, who've shared with us our plight, who've held us in the night, the blessed congregation.</p> <p>2. For stories told and told again to every generation, to give us strength in time of pain, to give us consolation. Our spirits to revive to keep our dreams alive, when we are far from home and evil seasons come; how firm is our foundation.</p> | <p>3. For sacred scriptures handed down, a blessed trust and treasure, which give us hope when hope is gone and make us weep with pleasure. And when our eyes grow blind and death is close behind, we shall recite them still whose words our hearts can fill with hope beyond all measure.</p> <p>4. For God our way, our bread, our rest, of all these gifts the Giver. Our strength, our guide, our nurturing breast whose hand will yet deliver. Who keeps us till the day when night shall pass away, when hate and fear are gone and all our work is done, and we shall sing forever.</p> |
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\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

\*Alleluia

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German (b. 1954)

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in gratitude for First Church friends by Linda Grossman.

Altar flowers for last Sunday were given in celebration of Lou and Patty's wedding anniversary on Sep. 6th.

*\*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**

**Seventeenth Sunday  
 After Pentecost**

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
 10:45 AM SERVICE**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 2024

Prelude *Sonata in G Major* Johann C. Schickhardt (1682 -1762)

Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

\*Call to Worship Emily King

Beloved, the voice of Wisdom calls to us from the street corner, the grocery store aisle, the noisy dinner table, and the quiet places of our hearts. Will you listen?

**Yes, with God's help, we will listen!**

Wisdom calls to us with hard truths, showing us where we've strayed in our hearts and as a community and urging us back onto God's path. Will you follow?

**Yes, with God's help, we will follow!**

Wisdom's call persists through the twists and turns, the rough patches, the barely discernible paths forward, and the moments we feel completely lost. Will you hold onto Wisdom wherever she takes you?

**Yes, with God's help, we will hold onto Wisdom!**

Then Beloved, let us worship God together as we cling to wisdom on our journey along the path of salvation paved with God's love.

**Yes! Let us worship God together! 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.

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.

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.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *All Who Dwell in the Shadow of the Lord* Z. Randall Stroope

Scripture *1 Peter 5:8-9* Gladys Kalas

Message *The Fellowship is Broken, and the Ring Goes East*

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 *Jesus, Savior Pilot Me* UMH 509

1. Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treacherous shoal.  
Chart and compass came from thee;  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

3. When at last I near the shore,  
and the fearful breakers roar  
'twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
then, while leaning on thy breast,  
may I hear thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

2. As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boisterous waves obey thy will,  
when thou sayest to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

**Divine Source of Wisdom, we bring these offerings with hearts attuned to your call. As we gather in your presence, may our gifts reflect the wisdom and discernment you desire for us. Use these offerings to nurture understanding, compassion, and justice in our world. Guide us to listen and act with insight, spreading your love and grace. Transform our giving into actions that make a difference. Help us grow in our faith and commitment to your ways. In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**