

Offertory Prayer

Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* UMH 66

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| <p>1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.</p> | <p>3. Father-like, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
mother-like, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.</p> |
| <p>2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.</p> | <p>4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.</p> |

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Chuck Hebel by Valorie Hamachek.

**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

Reign of Christ Sunday

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24, 2024

10:45 AM SERVICE



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REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 2024

Prelude *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Dale Wood (1934-2003)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Introit *Majesty, Worship His Majesty* Jay Hayford

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Children of God, whom do you follow?

We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.

Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.

Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.

Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Hymn *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
 raise the song of harvest home;
 all is safely gathered in,
 ere the winter storms begin.
 God our Maker doth provide
 for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come,
 raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
 fruit as praise to God we yield;
 wheat and tares together sown
 are to joy or sorrow grown;
 first the blade and then the ear,
 then the full corn shall appear;
 Lord of harvest, grant that we
 wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
 and shall take the harvest home;
 from the field shall in that day
 all offenses purge away,
 giving angels charge at last
 in the fire the tares to cast;
 but the fruitful ears to store
 in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
 bring thy final harvest home;
 gather thou thy people in,
 free from sorrow, free from sin,
 there, forever purified,
 in thy presence to abide;
 come, with all thine angels, come,
 raise the glorious harvest home.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Let All the People Praise You, O God* John Leavitt

Scripture *Psalms 18: 1-6, 46-50* Alan Cooper

Message *Thanksgiving* 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 *Maker, in Whom We Live* UMH 88

1. Maker, in whom we live,
 in whom we are and move,
 the glory, power, and praise receive
 for thy creating love.
 Let all the angel throng
 give thanks to God on high,
 while earth repeats the joyful song
 and echoes to the sky.

2. Incarnate Deity,
 let all the ransomed race
 render in thanks their lives to thee
 for thy redeeming grace.
 The grace to sinners showed
 ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
 and cry, "Salvation to our God,
 salvation to the Lamb!"

3. Spirit of Holiness,
 let all thy saints adore
 thy sacred energy, and bless
 thine heart-renewing power.
 Not angel tongues can tell
 thy love's ecstatic height,
 the glorious joy unspeakable,
 the beatific sight.

4. Eternal, Triune God,
 let all the hosts above,
 let all on earth below record
 and dwell upon thy love.
 When heaven and earth are fled
 before thy glorious face,
 sing all the saints thy love hath made
 thine everlasting praise.

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman