

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, whose compassion knows no bounds, we offer these gifts as a reflection of our love and gratitude. Just as the widow gave all she had, may we also give sacrificially, trusting in your provision. Use these offerings to further your kingdom, bringing hope and healing to those in need. Bless our giving, that it may glorify your name and extend your grace to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

*Doxology UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,
still may we dwell secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,
are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night,
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all who breathe away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come;
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Come, Thou Fount* Jason D. Payne (b. 1980)

**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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024
10:45 AM SERVICE**



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Prelude *Meditation on "Finlandia"* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Introit *Lift Up Thine Eyes* James McCray

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Children of God, take a deep breath. Breathe in the goodness of God's abundance all around you.

God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

Think of all the things our society calls abundance. Ever-growing bank accounts, possessions galore, status and notoriety—what are these things compared to God's abundance?

God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

God's abundance notices the poor, the downtrodden, those whose labor and unmet needs fill the coffers of corporations and those who are wealthy beyond measure.

God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

We will give as people who trust in God's provision,

because God's abundance is enough for all that we need.

*Hymn *I Come with Joy* UMH 617

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee* Jean Berger

Scripture *Psalm 121* Stephanie Zeller

Message *Gratefulness: The Heart of Prayer* 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

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 *Give Thanks* FWS 2036

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his son.

And now let the weak say "I am strong";
let the poor say "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us."
Give thanks!

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky