

Offertory Prayer

Generous God, who turns water into wine and scarcity into abundance, we offer our gifts to you with grateful hearts. May these offerings be transformed, just as you transform our lives with your grace. Guide us to use these resources to meet the needs we see around us, to share your love, and to build your kingdom. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn UMH 519
Lift Every Voice and Sing

1. Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty;
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2. Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our path thru the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude Brenda Portman (b. 1980)
Finale jubilante

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my parents,
James and Doreen Hodgkiss 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 Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Second Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY JANUARY 19 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Rondeau and Gavotte in C minor* G.P. Telemann (1681-1767)
Fiume di Musica

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Introit *Al Shlosha d'Varim* Allan Kaplan
The world is sustained by three things: by truth, by justice, and by peace.

Life of the Community Cedric Fellows

*Call to Worship Cedric Fellows

Be still for a moment. What do you hear? What do you smell? What do you feel under your feet? Beloved, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a moment to look around. Whom do you notice? Who isn't here that you expected to see? Whether this community feels brand new or familiar to you, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

Take a deep breath. We share this air, this space, this worship home together. In our breathing and worshiping in this time and place, God is here.

In the familiar and unfamiliar, God is here with us.

God is here. May we pay attention and discern how God brings us together in the familiar and the unfamiliar to be and become the Body of Christ.

May we notice and join in God's work of forming us for community as we worship today. Amen.

*Hymn *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:
Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky:
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend;
to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end:
Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet the Lord again:
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain:
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore
his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore:
Alleluia! Amen!

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand
Lead me on, help me stand
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn
Through the storm, through the night
Lead me on to the light
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

2. When my way grows drear
Precious Lord linger near
When my life is almost gone
Hear my cry, hear my call
Hold my hand lest I fall
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home.

3. When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river I stand,
Guide my feet, hold my hand
Take my hand, precious Lord
Lead me home

Reflections on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Reverend Burke Owens

Anthem *His Light Still Shines* Moses Hogan

Scripture *Deuteronomy 6:1-9* Tom Fingar

Anthem *If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments* Thomas Tallis

Message *What is Judaism?* 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.

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows