



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 2025

Prelude *Praeludium in C Major* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Introit Adhan: Muslim Call to Prayer Aasim Shaihu

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

\*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Children of God, we gather to worship, to sing and proclaim with joy the good works God is doing in our midst.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

We also gather today to pray for our families, our community, and our world. To name the challenges that press in around us, to lament the suffering in our world, to declare our trust in God in the midst of hardship.

**We gather to worship, as is our custom.**

Children of God, listen. Pay attention. Ready your hearts. God is here. Jesus has come among us. The Spirit brings the Word to life in our midst. Are you ready?

**We gather to worship, as is our custom. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* UMH 103

1. Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

4. Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought by day and by night;  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
Great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

3. Great God of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'ns Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Anthem *Guide Me Ever, Great Jehovah* Dale Wood

Scripture *Genesis 16:1-16* Isaiah Odoyo

Message *What is Islam?* 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 Linda Grossman