

## Offertory Prayer

**Glorious God, who reveals the light of your presence, we bring these gifts as a testament to your transforming power. Jesus was transfigured before his disciples; transform us to reflect your love and grace. Use these offerings to shine your light in the world, bringing hope and healing. In the name of your beloved Son, we pray. Amen.**

## Offertory

### \*Doxology

UMH 94

## HOLY COMMUNION

### \*Closing Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

UMH 92 v 1-3,6

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light;  
(Refrain)

3. For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
(Refrain)

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
(Refrain)

### \*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens

### \*Alleluia

### Postlude

*Fanfare in G Minor*

Emma Louise Ashford (1850-1930)

Cover image: Mosaic of Miriam from The Dormition Church  
on Mount Zion, Jerusalem

*\*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 Shaul  
Organist: Diane Keller  
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



**FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

# Transfiguration Sunday

**SUNDAY MARCH 2 2025**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



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## TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Prelude *Cantilena on "Nicaea"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Introit *I Will Sing Praise* Joseph Martin

Life of the Community Emily King

\*Call to Worship Emily King

Disciples of Christ, today your Savior calls you to come up the mountain and pray.  
Will you come?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Christ's glory overwhelms your senses, and you sit  
astounded at God's greatness?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Will you follow when Jesus won't let you stay on the mountaintop, insisting that  
you return to the valley where people are hurting and in need of good news?

**We will go wherever Jesus leads us.**

Disciples, come! Let us worship God, whose glory shines on the mountaintop and  
in the eyes of our neighbors.

**Come, let us worship God, whose glory shimmers all around us, even now!**

\*Hymn *All Creatures of Our God and King* UMH 62, v. 1-4, 7

1. All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voices, let us sing:  
O praise ye! Alleluia!  
O brother sun with golden gleam!  
O sister moon with silver gleam!

Refrain:  
O praise ye, O praise ye,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O brother wind air clouds and rain,  
by which all creatures ye sustain,  
O praise ye, Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening, find a voice:  
[Refrain]

3. O sister water, flowing and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
O brother fire who lights the night,  
providing warmth, enhancing sight, [Refrain]

4. Dear mother earth, you day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise ye, Alleluia!  
All flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them God's glory also show: [Refrain]

7. Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: [Refrain]

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hugo Distler

Scripture *Psalms 150:1-6* Jeff King

Message *Le Bon Temps Roule!* 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 *One Bread, One Body* UMH 620

Reprise:  
One bread, one body,  
one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many,  
throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. (Reprise)

2. Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. (Reprise)

3. Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all. (Reprise)

Invitation to the Offering Emily King