

Offertory	<i>Morceau De Concours</i> Mimi Carlson, flute	Gabriel Fauré
*Doxology		UMH 94
*Hymn	<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing</i>	UMH 671
<div> <div> 1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace; let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace. O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness. </div> <div> 2. Thanks we give and adoration for thy gospel's joyful sound. May the fruits of thy salvation in our hearts and lives abound; ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found. </div> </div>		
*Benediction		Reverend Burke Owens
*Alleluia		
Postlude	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	Michael Burkhardt

Thank you to guest organist Nancy Whitecar!

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and with much gratitude for our church community at FUMCPA by Susan Harris and Kayli DeBacker (turning 30 today).

**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

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 16 2025
10:45 AM SERVICE



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Prelude *Berceuse, op. 16* Gabriel Fauré
Mimi Carlson, flute

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Introit *I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing*

Life of the Community Cedric Fellows

*Call to Worship Cedric Fellows

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God."

May we learn to depend on God's abundant provision instead of the world's grasping for wealth as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled."

May we learn to follow Christ's call to provide for the hungry as co-creators of God's kingdom as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

May we learn to pay attention to those who suffer and mourn and to extend God's comfort and hope to those who need it as we worship today.

Jesus declared, "Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man."

May our worship teach us to rejoice in that day and every day as we live out the good news in our families, neighborhoods, community, and world!

*Hymn *God Is Here* UMH 660

1. God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

2. Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

3. Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold; here as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us, as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive; we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Rejoice in the Lord Always* Henry Purcell

Scripture *Philippians 4:4-9, 11-13* Sandra Florstedt

Message *The Tao and Grace* 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 *There Is a Balm in Gilead* UMH 375

Refrain:
There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some times I feel discouraged,
and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again.
(Refrain)

2. Don't ever feel discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend,
and if you look for knowledge
he'll ne'er refuse to lend.
(Refrain)

3 If you can't preach like Peter,
if you can't pray like Paul,
just tell the love of Jesus,
and say he died for all.
(Refrain)

Invitation to the Offering Cedric Fellows

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God, who blesses us in our brokenness and rejoices with us in our joy, we bring these gifts as an offering of hope and love. May they be used to heal the hurting, feed the hungry, and welcome the weary. Help us to be a community that reflects your kingdom, where all find acceptance and grace. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.