

## 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      *Christe, du Lamm Gottes*      J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

\*Doxology      *Please sing "hosanna" in place of "alleluia" during Lent.*      UMH 94

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*Closing Hymn      *Stand By Me*      UMH 512

1. When the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me (stand by me);  
when the storms of life are raging,  
stand by me (stand by me).  
When the world is tossing me  
like a ship upon the sea,  
thou who rulest wind and water,  
Stand by me (stand by me).

2. In the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me (stand by me);  
in the midst of tribulation,  
stand by me (stand by me).  
When the host of hell assail,  
and my strength begins to fail,  
thou who never lost a battle,  
stand by me (stand by me).

3. In the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me (stand by me);  
in the midst of faults and failures,  
stand by me (stand by me).  
When I do the best I can,  
and my friends misunderstand,  
thou who knowest all about me,  
stand by me (stand by me).

4. In the midst of persecution,  
stand by me (stand by me);  
in the midst of persecution,  
stand by me (stand by me).  
When my foes in war array  
undertake to stop my way,  
thou who savèd Paul and Silas,  
stand by me (stand by me).

5. When I'm growing old and feeble,  
stand by me (stand by me);  
when I'm growing old and feeble,  
stand by me (stand by me).  
When my life becomes a burden,  
and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O thou Lily of the Valley,  
stand by me (stand by me).

\*Benediction      Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Postlude      *Trumpet Graceful*      Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1948)

Cover image: Mural from a church in Madaba, Jordan

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  
FIRST TONGAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**

*Fifth Sunday  
of Lent*

**SUNDAY APRIL 6 2025  
10:45 AM SERVICE**



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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Prelude    *How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou*    Marcel Dupre (1886-1971)

Welcome    Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community    Linda Grossman

\*Call to Worship    Linda Grossman

We come to worship, remembering God's goodness that has carried us and sustained us to this present moment.

**We remember the days when God covered us in love and filled us with joy.**

We come to worship, weary from stress, heavy with grief, and wondering when relief will come.

**We long for the days God covered us in love and filled us with joy.**

We come to worship to remember and remind one another that God's love has never left us, and God's joy cannot be extinguished.

**God, restore us that we know your love and your joy once again.**

We come to worship to remember and become the Body of Christ, a community called to restore the world around us.

**God, empower us to be your restoration people who fill the world with love, laughter, and abundant life. Amen.**

\*Hymn    *Ye Servants of God*    UMH 181

1. Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name all-victorious of Jesus extol,  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

2. God ruleth on high, almighty to save,  
and still he is nigh, his presence we have;  
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

3. "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son;  
the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

4. Then let us adore and give him his right,  
all glory and power, all wisdom and might;  
all honor and blessing with angels above,  
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Children's Moment

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

First Tongan Choir Anthem

Scripture    *Matthew 11:25-30*    Bill Davidson  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Anthem    *If With All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Me*    Felix Mendelssohn  
from the *Elijah Oratorio*

Message    *Stress and Jesus*    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    *All Who Hunger*    FWS 2126

All who hunger, gather glady;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed,  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.

Reprise:  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.

2. All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood. [Reprise]

3. All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude. [Reprise]

Invitation to the Offering

Linda Grossman