

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 94

*Hymn

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad. [Refrain]

3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets. [Refrain]

4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high. [Refrain]

*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens

Postlude

Tuba Tune

C.S. Lang (1891-1971)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory
of my twin sister Alice Lippett by Doris Lippett.

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**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

Fourth Sunday After Easter

SUNDAY MAY 18 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025

Prelude *Andante* Louis Lefébure-Wély (1817-1869)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

The God of day and darkness moves among us...

We are the people of Living Water.

The God of hope and promise lives among us...

We are the people of Living Water.

The God of the lost and lonely calls us by name...

**We are the people bathed in the Living Water of Creation, God's kin,
traveling toward home and a love that will not let us go.**

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UMH 731

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken,
formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters,
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river
ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering,
showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner
light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna
which God gives us when we pray.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
washed in our Redeemer's blood;
Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
makes us monarchs, priests to God.
Us, by his great love, he raises,
rulers over self to reign,
and as priests his solemn praises
we for thankful offering bring.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *A New Jerusalem*

Scripture *Revelations 21:1-7* Azi Mokhlessi

Message *Methodist Heritage* 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 *O Day of God Draw Nigh* UMH 730

O day of God, draw nigh
in beauty and in power;
come with thy timeless judgement now
to match our present hour.

4. Bring to our world of strife
thy sovereign word of peace,
that war may haunt the earth no more,
and desolation cease.

2. Bring to our troubled minds,
uncertain and afraid,
the quiet of a steadfast faith,
calm of a call obeyed.

5. O day of God, draw nigh
as at creation's birth;
let there be light again, and set
thy judgements on the earth.

3. Bring justice to our land,
that all may dwell secure,
and finely build for days to come
foundations that endure.

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer

**Giver of life,
You are the source of all good things.
We entrust to you our gifts,
That you would use them to make all know
That with you, they are beloved, whole, and restored. Amen.**