

Offertory Prayer

Liberating God, who calls us to true freedom, we offer these gifts as signs of our commitment to live by the Spirit's leading. May our generosity reflect your love that is joyful, peaceful, patient, and kind. Through your grace, may we sow seeds of compassion and justice, nurturing the fruit of the Spirit in our lives and the world. Guide us to use our freedom not for ourselves but for service, so that we may build communities of faith and hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Hymn *Summer Suns Are Glowing* see insert

Author: William Walsham How, 1871
Composer: Samuel Francis Smith, 1865
Arranger: Alvin "Bud" Herman Manz, 2008

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

Postlude *Festive Trumpet Tune* David German (b. 1954)

**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

Third Sunday After Pentecost

**SUNDAY JUNE 29 2025
10:45 AM SERVICE**



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Prelude *Mr. Blue Sky* Jeff Lynne
arr. Diane Keller

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Our freedom comes as life in the Spirit.
We reject the works based only on our fleshly desires.
We live a new life of spirit and truth.
Let us worship the Lord in full spirit. Amen.

*Opening Hymn *The God of Abraham Praise* UMH 116

1. The God of Abraham praise,
who reigns enthroned above;
Ancient of Everlasting Days,
and God of love;
Jehovah, great I AM!
by earth and heaven confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name
forever blest.

2. The great I AM has sworn;
I on this oath depend.
I shall, on eagle wings upborne,
to heaven ascend.
I shall behold God's face;
I shall God's power adore,
and sing the wonders of God's grace
forevermore.

3. The heavenly land I see,
with peace and plenty blest;
a land of sacred liberty,
and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow,
and oil and wine abound,
and trees of life forever grow
with mercy crowned.

4. The God who reigns on high
the great archangels sing,
and "Holy, holy, holy!" cry,
"Almighty King!
Who was, and is, the same,
and evermore shall be:
Jehovah, Lord, the great I AM,
we worship thee!"

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing* Gordon Young

Scripture *Genesis 8:13-22* Sandra Wilson

Message *Summertime!* 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 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale* UMH 122

1. God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbor
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas