

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 94

*Hymn

Christ for the World We Sing

UMH 568

1. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn,
the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn,
whom Christ doth heal.

2. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost,
by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost,
from dark despair.

3. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with one accord;
with us the work to share,
with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear,
for Christ our Lord.

4. Christ for the world we sing,
the world to Christ we bring,
with joyful song;
the newborn souls, whose days,
reclaimed from error's ways,
inspired with hope and praise,
to Christ belong.

*Benediction

Tom Fingar

*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude

Trumpet Intrada

John S. Dixon (b. 1957)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in appreciation of
Pastor Burke and Pastor Gerardo by Bill Davidson and Sandra Florstedt.

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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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 13 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025

Prelude	<i>Siciliano</i>	J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Welcome		Tom Fingar
Passing of the Peace		
Life of the Community		Pamela Cutkosky
*Call to Worship		Pamela Cutkosky

Children of God, are you listening? Have you noticed? God has planted seeds of hope among us.

We have heard of this hope!

God nurtures hope among us, helping us bear the fruit of faithfulness in this world.

We seek this hope as we learn to live in faith.

The hope of God's good news forms you to love one another with the love of Christ.

We cling to this hope as we grow in love of God, self, neighbor, and all creation.

Children of God, come! Come, let us worship God who graciously offers us the gift of hope.

Come, let us worship God who empowers us to put our hope into faithful and loving actions!

*Opening Hymn	<i>Your Love, O God, Has Called Us Here</i>	UMH 647
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1. Your love, O God, has called us here,
for all love finds its source in you,
the perfect love that casts out fear,
the love that Christ makes ever new.

2. O gracious God, you consecrate
all that is lovely, good, and true.
Bless those who in your presence wait
and every day their love renew.

3. O God of love, inspire our life,
reveal your will in all we do;
join every husband, every wife
in mutual love and love for you.

Children's Moment	Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios
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Anthem	<i>Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace</i>	Harding
Scripture	Luke 10: 25-37: The Good Samaritan	Brenda Birrell
Message	<i>Christian Nationalism and Christian Behavior</i>	Tom Fingar
Moment of Silence		
Prayers of the People		Tom Fingar
	Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.	Lord, for these gifts, we give you thanks!
*Lord's Prayer		Tom Fingar

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	<i>In Christ, There is No East or West</i>	UMH 548
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| 1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth. | 3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me. |
| 2. In Christ shall true hearts
everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind. | 4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth. |

Invitation to the Offering	Pamela Cutkosky
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Offertory Prayer

Gracious and strengthening God, in you, we find the power to endure with patience and the grace to give thanks with joy. As we offer these gifts, may they bear fruit in your kingdom, strengthening the church, uplifting the weary, and sharing the hope we have in Christ. Help us remember that we are not alone but surrounded by the saints of light, past and present. May our generosity reflect your abundant love and our lives proclaim the gospel in word and deed. In Christ's name, we give and rejoice. Amen.