

\*Doxology

UMH 94

\*Hymn

*Nearer, My God to Thee*

UMH 528

1. Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

2. Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

3. There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

4. Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

5. Or if, on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly,  
still all my song shall be,  
nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!

\*Benediction

Mira Dabrowski

\*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King* John Longhurst (b. 1940)

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Andrew on our 50th wedding anniversary by Brenda Birrell.

Cover image: *The Lord's Prayer* by James Tissot, 1850

*\*Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk.*

Senior Pastor: Burke Owens  
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Director of Music: Mark Shaull  
Organist: Diane Keller  
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY JULY 27 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2025

Prelude *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome Mira Dabrowski

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

\*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Children of God, when the journey ahead seems long and hard, full of unknown dangers and all-too-real risks, remember:

**Keep the faith. God, who made us alive, is our Guardian and Guide.**

When the voices on the side of the road tempt us with their misinformation, simple solutions, and quickness to blame and shame, remember:

**Stay the course. God, who made us alive, is our Wisdom and Judge.**

When those in power place barriers in our way, making it harder to share the love of God in our communities, remember:

**Do not be afraid. God, who made us alive, is our Strength and our Advocate.**

Children of God, come! Let us worship God, whose persistent love empowers us to persevere, to stay the course, to live by faith and not fear.

**Come, let us worship God, who makes us alive, through grace, to love and serve God and one another.**

\*Opening 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

Summer Choir Anthem *Jubilate Deo* Peter Anglea

\*Scripture Luke 11: 1-13 Bill Davidson

Message *Ask, Seek, Knock: A Guide to Prayer* Mira Dabrowski

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Mira Dabrowski

Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, for these gifts,  
**we give you thanks!**

\*Lord's Prayer Mira Dabrowski

**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 *Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire* UMH 492 v. 1, 3, 5 & 6

1. Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,  
unuttered or expressed,  
the motion of a hidden fire  
that trembles in the breast.

5. Prayer is the Christians' vital breath,  
the Christians' native air;  
their watchword at the gates of death;  
they enter heaven with prayer.

3. Prayer is the simplest form of speech  
that infant lips can try;  
prayer the sublimest strains that reach  
the Majesty on high.

6. O Thou, by whom we come to God,  
the Life, the Truth, the Way:  
the path of prayer thyself hast trod;  
Lord, teach us how to pray!

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

**Living and redeeming God, in Christ, you have made us fully alive, setting us free from all that would hold us captive. As we bring these gifts, we do so in gratitude, abounding in thanksgiving for your grace. May these offerings be signs of our rootedness in you, bearing fruit for your kingdom. Let them be used to bring hope, healing, and new life to those in need. In the name of the one who makes us whole, we pray. Amen.**

Offertory