

Invitation to the Offering

Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer

**Holy and ever-present God, you call us to set our minds on things above, to let go of all that weighs us down, and to embrace the new life found in Christ. As we bring these gifts, shape our hearts in generosity, our hands in service, and our minds in faithfulness. May these offerings be used to transform lives, to build up your kingdom, and to reflect your love in this world. Keep us ever mindful that we give because you have first given so abundantly to us. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology

UMH 94

## HOLY COMMUNION

\*Closing Hymn

*Jesus Calls Us*

UMH 398

1. Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

4. In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these!"

2. As of old the apostles heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for Jesus' sake.

5. Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

3. Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more!"

\*Benediction

Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

\*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude

*Toccata in D Minor*

Gaston Bélier (1863-1938)

\*Please stand where indicated by an asterisk.

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**

*Eighth Sunday  
After Pentecost*

**SUNDAY AUGUST 3 2025  
10:45 AM SERVICE**



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

## EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY AUGUST 3, 2025

Scripture *Colossians 3:1–11* Lucy Tompkin  
*Luke 12:13-21* Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Anthem *To Live Is Christ* Eugene Butler

Message *A New Self at Every Stage* Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

*Oku tau kau kotoa pē ki he Takanga Tapu 'a e*  
*'Otuá pea ke tau fakahoko hono*  
*Tu utu'uní, ke Kauhala tataua e Tuí mo e Ngāuē*

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios  
 Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

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 *Hymn of Promise* UMH 707

1. In the bulb there is a flower;  
 in the seed, an apple tree;  
 in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
 butterflies will soon be free!  
 In the cold and snow of winter  
 there's a spring that waits to be,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
 something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;  
 in our time, infinity;  
 in our doubt there is believing;  
 in our life, eternity.  
 In our death, a resurrection;  
 at the last, a victory,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
 something God alone can see.

2. There's a song in every silence,  
 seeking word and melody;  
 there's a dawn in every darkness  
 bringing hope to you and me.  
 From the past will come the future;  
 what it holds, a mystery,  
 unrevealed until its season,  
 something God alone can see.

Prelude *Prelude in E-flat Major* Camille Saint-Saëns (1835-1921)

Welcome Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios  
 Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

\*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Children of God, we gather as people who have received new life in Jesus Christ.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
 The world tries to distract us with anxious rumors, worrisome lies, and misleading half-truths.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
 In this place, we gather to remind, remember, and renew our commitment to dwell in the love of Christ.  
**We come to set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**  
 Children of God, come! Let us worship God, who clothes us in new life and renews us in grace.  
**Come, let us worship as we set our minds on Christ, who surrounds us in love.**

\*Hymn *I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath* UMH 60

1. I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;  
 and when my voice is lost in death,  
 praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
 while life, and thought, and being last,  
 or immortality endures.

3. The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;  
 the Lord supports the fainting mind  
 and sends the laboring conscience peace.  
 God helps the stranger in distress,  
 the widow and the fatherless,  
 and grants the prisoner sweet release.

2. Happy are they whose hopes rely  
 on Israel's God, who made the sky  
 and earth and seas, with all their train;  
 whose truth for ever stands secure,  
 who saves th'oppressed and feeds the poor,  
 for none shall find God's promise vain.

4. I'll praise my God who lends me breath;  
 and when my voice is lost in death,  
 praise shall employ my nobler powers.  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past,  
 while life, and thought, and being last,  
 or immortality endures.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

First Tongan Choir Anthem