

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn *All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine* UMH 166

1. All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2. Thou cam'st to us, in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
who wast a servant, that we might be free,  
humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose, thou  
art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. Let every tongue confess with one accord  
in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
and God the Father be by all adored:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

\*Benediction Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

\*Alleluia UMH 186

Postlude *Trumpet Processional in G Major* David German (b. 1954)

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanks for our grandson James Patrick, who just turned 10 (double digits!), by Janet and Bill Nicholls.

*\*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**

*Twelfth Sunday  
After Pentecost*

**SUNDAY AUGUST 31 2025**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



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Prelude *Andante religioso* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Children of God, when we witness the needs of strangers and listen to the struggles of our friends, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

When we hear the struggles of those in prison and recognize the suffering of people near and far, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

When temptations to hoard more money, more power, and more influence surround us on every side, remember:

**Let mutual love continue.**

As we gather for worship, remember: God is here among us, surrounding us with love and forming us to live in love everywhere we go.

**We choose to cooperate with God's love today and every day so that mutual love will continue wherever we go and whatever we do. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn *O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go* UMH 480

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
that in thine ocean depths  
its flow may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
my heart restores its borrowed ray,  
that in thy sunshine's blaze  
its day may brighter, fairer be.

3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow thru the rain,  
and feel the promise is not vain,  
that morn shall tearless be.

4. O Cross that liftest up my head,  
I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
and from the ground there blossoms  
red life that shall endless be.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Summer Choir Anthem *Love Your Neighbor* Michael Helman

Scripture *1 Corinthians 13* Brenda Birrell

Message *Love* Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Caroline Pietrangelo Owens

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

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

\*Lord's Prayer Caroline Pietrangelo 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 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

**Faithful and Unchanging God, in a world that shifts and sways, you remain our firm foundation. You have called us into a life of mutual love, teaching us to serve, to welcome, and to give with generous hearts. Bless these gifts we offer today, that they may extend your love to those who hunger, who seek justice, and who long for hope. In the name of Jesus Christ, our constant and faithful guide. Amen.**