

Offertory *Moderato* César Franck (1822-1890)

*Doxology UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* UMH 89

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day!

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

2. All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
love divine is reigning o'er us,
binding all within its span.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward,
in the triumph song of life.

*Benediction Reverend Karen Paulsen

*Alleluia UMH 78

Postlude *Improvisation on Hymn to Joy* Richard Elliott (b. 1957)

*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 Shaull
Organist: Diane Keller
Head Usher: Daniel Fifita



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7 2025

10:45 AM SERVICE



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

RALLY DAY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Prelude Dance Prelude on *Unser Herrscher* Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome Reverend Karen Paulsen

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Linda Grossman

*Call to Worship Linda Grossman

Wherever you go, from the top of the highest mountain or into the deep
abysses of the earth, God knows you.

Wherever we go, God knows our name.

Whatever you do, from the time you wake up until you lay your head down
again, God knows you.

Whatever we do, God knows our name.

However you live, from your inner thoughts to your public acts and
everything in between, God knows you.

However we live, God knows our name.

We gather to worship God, who loves us, knows us, and calls us by name.

**We gather to worship God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made by
God, who knows our name!**

*Hymn *I Sing the Almighty Power of God* UMH 152

1. I sing the almighty power of God,
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad,
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2. I sing the goodness of the Lord,
who filled the earth with food,
who formed the creatures thru the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky.

3. There's not a plant or flower below,
but makes thy glories known,
and clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care;
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Scripture *Jeremiah 18: 1-8* Jerry Johnson

Anthem *I Will Give Praise to the Lord, My God* Joseph Martin

Message *We Are Clay* Reverend Karen Paulsen

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Karen Paulsen

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 *Spirit of the Living God* UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me,
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Invitation to the Offering Linda Grossman

Offertory Prayer

**Tender and knowing God, you have searched us and known us—every
thought, every fear, every hope that stirs within. Receive these gifts,
offered not from perfection but from hearts seeking you. Use them to
shape a world more reflective of your love, and shape us, too, into a
people more open, more generous, more faithful. In the name of the one
who knows us still. Amen.**