

## Offertory Prayer

**Gracious healer who meets us on the way, you give gifts we never earn and mercies we often forget to name. Receive these offerings as signs of our gratitude and expressions of our faith. Let them be more than ritual—let them become praise, rising from lives made whole in your grace. May we never settle for being merely clean when you call us to wellness, to joy, to thanksgiving. Make us a generous people, healed and healing, blessing others as you have blessed us. In the name of Jesus, who makes us well. Amen.**

## Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn UMH 517  
*By Gracious Powers*

1. By gracious powers so wonderfully sheltered,  
and confidently waiting, come what may,  
we know that God is with us night and morning,  
and never fails to greet us each new day.

2. Yet is this heart by its old foe tormented,  
still evil days bring burdens hard to bear;  
O give our frightened souls the sure salvation  
for which, O Lord, you taught us to prepare.

3. And when this cup you give is filled to brimming  
with bitter sorrow, hard to understand,  
we take it thankfully and without trembling,  
out of so good and so beloved a hand.

4. Yet when again in this same world you give us  
the joy we had, the brightness of your sun,  
we shall remember all the days we lived through,  
and our whole life shall then be yours alone.

\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

\*Alleluia UMH 186

Postlude Robert Hebble (1934-2020)  
*Exultate Deo*

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of  
Emilie Sweet's birthday 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**

# *Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 2025**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025

Prelude *Vivace from Trio Sonata No. 6* J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Introit *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Lloyd Pfautsch

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

\*Call to Worship Emily King

Healing God, You are working to bind up the wounds of the world.

**Open us this day to be your hands and feet for a suffering people, so that we might make a difference right where we are, contributing to your reign on earth as it is in heaven.**

We praise you for the strength to persevere, holding our lives together in love.  
**Amen.**

\*Opening 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

Anthem *There is a Balm in Gilead* William Dawson

Scripture *2 Timothy 2:8-15* Janet Nicholls

Message *Healing, Sin and Love* Reverend Burke Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens

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

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

\*Lord's Prayer Reverend Burke 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 *O God Our Help in Ages Past* UMH 117

1. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast,  
and our eternal home!

2. Under the shadow of thy throne,  
still may we dwell secure;  
sufficient is thine arm alone,  
and our defense is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,  
or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting, thou art God,  
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages, in thy sight,  
are like an evening gone;  
short as the watch that ends the night,  
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
bears all who breathe away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Stewardship Moment Nancy Olson

Invitation to the Offering Emily King