

Offertory Prayer

**Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.**

Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn UMH 671  
*Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing*

1. Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
let us each, thy love possessing,  
triumph in redeeming grace.  
O refresh us, O refresh us,  
traveling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration  
for thy gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
in our hearts and lives abound;  
ever faithful, ever faithful  
to the truth may we be found.

\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

\*Alleluia UMH 186

Postlude *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving and gratitude for  
Pastor Burke, Pastor Gerardo, and our congregation by Sheila Gholson.

*\*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**

*Christ the King  
Sunday*

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 2025**

**10:45 AM SERVICE**



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2025**

Prelude     *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*     Neil Harmon (b. 1967)

Welcome     Reverend Burke Owens

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community     Cedric Fellows

\*Call to Worship     Cedric Fellows

Make a joyful noise to the Lord.

**Worship God with gladness.**

Come into God's presence with singing.

**We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Give thanks to the Lord;

**Bless God's holy name, for God's steadfast love is present now and endures forever.**

\*Opening Hymn     *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*     UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home;  
 all is safely gathered in,  
 ere the winter storms begin.  
 God our Maker doth provide  
 for our wants to be supplied;  
 come to God's own temple, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,  
 fruit as praise to God we yield;  
 wheat and tares together sown  
 are to joy or sorrow grown;  
 first the blade and then the ear,  
 then the full corn shall appear;  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we  
 wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
 and shall take the harvest home;  
 from the field shall in that day  
 all offenses purge away,  
 giving angels charge at last  
 in the fire the tares to cast;  
 but the fruitful ears to store  
 in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
 bring thy final harvest home;  
 gather thou thy people in,  
 free from sorrow, free from sin,  
 there, forever purified,  
 in thy presence to abide;  
 come, with all thine angels, come,  
 raise the glorious harvest home.

Children's Moment     Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem     *For the Beauty of the Earth*     John Rutter

Scripture     *Psalm 100*     Jeff King

Message     *Thanksgiving for Christ's Goodness*     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     *Ye Servants of God, your Master Proclaim*     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.

Invitation to the Offering     Cedric Fellows