

Offertory Prayer

**God of Justice and Mercy, you do not ask for thousands of offerings or rivers of oil, only that we live with love, humility, and a hunger for what is right. Accept these gifts we bring—not as bargaining chips, but as signs of our desire to follow you. Use them and us to pour out kindness where the world is aching, to walk alongside the weary, and to bring your healing presence into troubled places. May our giving be our “yes” to your call, our response to your grace, and our witness to your hope. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Offertory *The Grace of Jesus* Godwin Sadoh (b. 1965)

\*Doxology UMH 94

**HOLY COMMUNION**

\*Closing Hymn *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* UMH 438

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

\*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens  
Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

\*Alleluia UMH 78

Postlude *Festal March* Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

\*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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Fourth Sunday  
After Epiphany*

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1 2026  
10:45 AM SERVICE**



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**  
**FIRST TONGAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1, 2026**

Prelude *Adoration* Florence B. Price (1887-1953)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens  
 Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Introit

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Beloved, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 In our life together as the body of Christ, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 When we share the good news with all creation, what worship does God desire of us?  
**To do justice, love kindness, and live humbly with God.**  
 Come, let us worship God with justice, kindness, and humility!  
**We come to worship God with our voices and our lives. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Hymn *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* UMH 581

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| <p>1. Lord, whose love through humble service<br/>                 Bore the weight of human need,<br/>                 Who upon the Cross, forsaken,<br/>                 Work with mercy's perfect deed:<br/>                 We, thy servants, bring the worship<br/>                 Not of voice alone, but heart<br/>                 Consecrating to your purpose.<br/>                 Every gift that you impart.</p>                   | <p>3. As we worship, grant us vision,<br/>                 Till your love's revealing light,<br/>                 In its height and depth and greatness<br/>                 Dawns upon our quickened sight,<br/>                 Making known the needs and burdens<br/>                 Your compassion bids us bear,<br/>                 Stirring us to tireless striving<br/>                 Your abundant life to share.</p>        |
| <p>2. Still your children wander homeless;<br/>                 Still the hungry cry for bread;<br/>                 Still the captives long for freedom;<br/>                 Still in grief we mourn our dead.<br/>                 As, O Lord, your deep compassion<br/>                 Healed the sick and freed the soul,<br/>                 Use the love your Spirit kindles<br/>                 Still to save and make us whole.</p> | <p>4. Called by worship to your service,<br/>                 Forth in your dear name we go,<br/>                 To the child, the youth, the aged,<br/>                 Love in living deeds to show,<br/>                 Hope and health, good will and comfort,<br/>                 Counsel, aid and peace we give,<br/>                 That your children, Lord, in freedom<br/>                 May your mercy know and live.</p> |

Children's Moment Emily King

Anthem *Taste and See That the Lord is Good* Lloyd Larsen

Scripture *Micah 6:1-8* Lucy Tompkin  
*Matthew 5:1-12* Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Message  
*What Does the Lord Require of You?* Reverend Burke Owens  
*Tataki 'e he Maama 'a e 'Otuá* Reverend Sepuloni Feleunga

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Burke Owens  
 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 *What Does the Lord Require* UMH 441

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| <p>1. What does the Lord require<br/>                 for praise and offering?<br/>                 What sacrifice, desire<br/>                 or tribute did you bring?<br/>                 Do justly,<br/>                 love mercy,<br/>                 walk humbly with your God.</p>              | <p>3. All who gain wealth by trade,<br/>                 for whom the worker toils,<br/>                 think not to win God's aid,<br/>                 if greed your commerce soils.<br/>                 Do justly,<br/>                 love mercy,<br/>                 walk humbly with your God.</p> |
| <p>2. Rulers of earth, give ear!<br/>                 Should you not justice know?<br/>                 Will God your pleading hear<br/>                 while crime and cruelty grow?<br/>                 Do justly,<br/>                 love mercy,<br/>                 walk humbly with your God.</p> | <p>4. How shall our life fulfill<br/>                 God's law so hard and high?<br/>                 Let Christ endue our will<br/>                 with grace to fortify.<br/>                 Then justly,<br/>                 in mercy,<br/>                 we'll humbly walk with God.</p>           |

Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky