

Offertory Prelude on *Amazing Grace* Ikuko Weller (b. 1962)

*Doxology UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign* UMH 157

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia UMH 78

Postlude *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*
arr. Marianne Kim (b. 1972)

*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



SUNDAY MARCH 1 2026
10:45 AM SERVICE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
SUNDAY MARCH 1, 2026

Prelude *Prelude on "Rendez à Dieu"* Brenda Portman (b. 1980)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

Children of God, in Lent we remember that our salvation is an unearned gift, that new life is a matter of faith, not of works.

We gather to lay down the burden of trying to earn our salvation.

Like Paul writing to the Romans, we remember God's promise of new life has always rested on grace.

We gather to receive the promise of salvation by grace through faith.

Like the many who have followed, questioned, and grown in the faith, we submit ourselves to be formed by grace as we work out our salvation day by day.

We gather as people guided by the promise of new life, a promise fulfilled by Christ, whose path we follow.

*Hymn *Oh Love, How Deep* UMH 267, v. 1, 3, 5-6

1. O love, how deep, how broad, how high,
it fills the heart with ecstasy,
that God, the Son of God, should take
our mortal form for mortals' sake!

3. For us he prayed; for us he taught;
for us his daily works he wrought;
by words and signs and actions thus
still seeking not himself, but us.

5. For us he rose from death again;
for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here,
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

6. All glory to our Lord and God
for love so deep, so high, so broad:
the Trinity whom we adore,
forever and forevermore.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Trust in the Lord* John Purifoy

Mimi Carlson, Flute
Nancy Whitecar, Guest Choir Director

*Scripture *John 18: 33-38* Bill Davidson

Message *The World in Jesus' Time* 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

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 *Dear Jesus, In Whose Life I See* UMH 468

1. Dear Jesus, in whose life I see
all that I would, but fail to be,
let thy clear light forever shine,
to shame and guide this life of mine.

2. Though what I dream and what I do
in my weak days are always two,
help me, oppressed by things undone,
O thou whose deeds and dreams were one!

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

Faithful God of New Beginnings, you call us to trust in what we cannot yet see, to follow where you lead, even when the road is unclear. In the shadows of our questions and the uncertainty of our understanding, you meet us with grace, not condemnation. Your love is not earned but freely given. Receive now these gifts we offer—not as payment or proof, but as signs of our belief, our hope, and our gratitude. Use them to share your transforming love with a world still searching in the dark. In the name of your Son, given in love, we pray. Amen.