

## Offertory Prayer

**Faithful Shepherd, who calls us by name, you invite us into a life that is rich in meaning, deep in joy, and bold in compassion. You speak, and we long to follow—although the world is noisy and the path unclear. In this moment of offering, we quiet our hearts to listen again. Receive these gifts as signs of our trust in you. May they be used to bring abundance to others, to feed the hungry, to strengthen the lost, and to proclaim your voice of love. In coming and going, in worship and service, make us more like Christ, in whose name we give and pray. Amen.**

## Offertory

\*Doxology UMH 94

\*Hymn UMH 436  
*The Voice of God Is Calling*

1. The voice of God is calling  
its summons in our day;  
Isaiah heard in Zion,  
and we now hear God say:  
"Whom shall I send to succor  
my people in their need?  
Whom shall I send to loosen  
the bonds of shame and greed?"

2. "I hear my people crying  
in slum and mine and mill;  
no field or mart is silent,  
no city street is still.  
I see my people falling  
in darkness and despair.  
Whom shall I send to shatter  
the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your summons,  
and answer: Here are we!  
Send us upon your errand,  
let us your servants be.  
Our strength is dust and ashes,  
our years a passing hour;  
but you can use our weakness  
to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;  
from pride of place absolve;  
purge us of low desire;  
lift us to high resolve;  
take us, and make us holy;  
teach us your will and way.  
Speak, and behold! we answer;  
command, and we obey!

\*Benediction Timothy Loewen-Elofson

\*Alleluia

Postlude John S. Dixon (b. 1957)  
*Trumpet Intrada*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and for our daughter  
Marjorie Sweet McPherson on her 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

# FOURTH SUNDAY of *Easter*



SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026  
10:45 AM SERVICE

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**SUNDAY APRIL 26, 2026**

Prelude *The Heart of Peace* Mons Leidvin Takle (b. 1948)

Welcome Pamela Cutkosky

Passing of the Peace

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

\*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Easter people, we gather to worship and to listen, to learn the sound, the feel, the cadence of the Shepherd's voice.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

We gather to worship and to discern, to learn how to recognize our Shepherd's voice amidst the chaos and noise of our lives.

**We come seeking our Shepherd's voice.**

Come, let us worship as we listen for the voice of Jesus who guides us, protects us, provides for us, and draws us together in community.

**We come to worship as the family of Christ, a flock seeking and following our Shepherd's voice. Amen.**

\*Opening 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.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Like A Shepherd* Carl Nygard  
Diane Allen, soprano

\*Scripture *John 10:1-10* Gladys Kalas

Message *I Am the Shepherd* Timothy Loewen-Elofson

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

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

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

\*Lord's Prayer Timothy Loewen-Elofson

**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 *Give Me the Faith Which Can Remove* UMH 650

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| <p>1. Give me the faith which can remove and sink the mountain to a plain; give me the childlike praying love, which longs to build thy house again; thy love, let it my heart o'er-power, and all my simple soul devour.</p> <p>2. I would the precious time redeem, and longer live for this alone, to spend and to be spent for them who have not yet my Savior known; fully on these my mission prove, and only breathe, to breathe thy love.</p> | <p>3. My talents, gifts, and graces, Lord, into thy blessed hands receive; and let me live to preach thy word, and let me to thy glory live; my every sacred moment spend in publishing the sinner's Friend.</p> <p>4. Enlarge, inflame, and fill my heart with boundless charity divine, so shall I all my strength exert, and love them with a zeal like thine, and lead them to thy open side, the sheep for whom the Shepherd died.</p> |
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Invitation to the Offering Pamela Cutkosky