

Offertory

*Doxology

UMH 94

HOLY COMMUNION

*Closing Hymn

Lead On, O King Eternal

UMH 580

1. Lead on, O King eternal,
the day of march has come;
henceforth in fields of conquest
thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation
thy grace has made us strong;
and now, O King eternal,
we lift our battle song.

2. Lead on, O King eternal,
till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and holiness shall whisper
the sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords loud clashing,
nor roll of stirring drums;
with deeds of love and mercy
the heavenly kingdom comes.

3. Lead on, O King eternal,
we follow, not with fears,
for gladness breaks like morning
where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
we journey in its light;
the crown awaits the conquest;
lead on, O God of might.

*Benediction

Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia

UMH 78

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young (1919-1998)

Cover image: Stanford Memorial Church

*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



FIRST PALO ALTO UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY

of *Easter*



SUNDAY MAY 3, 2026

10:45 AM SERVICE

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Prelude *Andante tranquillo* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Sumith Kalas

Library Announcement

*Call to Worship Sumith Kalas

Easter people, in the midst of our questions and doubts, Jesus answers:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of misinformation, confusion, and distrust, Jesus reminds us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

In the midst of dead ends and impossible challenges, Jesus shows us:

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Come, let us worship as we learn to follow Christ, our way, our truth, and our life.

Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* UMH 731

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken,
 Zion, city of our God;
 God, whose word cannot be broken,
 formed thee for his own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 what can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded,
 thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
 springing from eternal love,
 well supply thy sons and daughters,
 and all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 ever will their thirst assuage?
 Grace which like the Lord, the giver,
 never fails from age to age.

3. Round each habitation hovering,
 see the cloud and fire appear
 for a glory and a covering,
 showing that the Lord is near!
 Thus deriving from our banner
 light by night and shade by day,
 safe we feed upon the manna
 which God gives us when we pray.

4. Blest inhabitants of Zion,
 washed in our Redeemer's blood;
 Jesus, whom our souls rely on,
 makes us monarchs, priests to God.
 Us, by his great love, he raises,
 rulers over self to reign,
 and as priests his solemn praises
 we for thankful offering bring.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter

*Scripture *John 14:1-14* Brenda Birrell

Message *Tasting God's 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

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 *Come, My Way, My Truth, My Light* UMH 164

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
 such a way as gives us breath,
 such a truth as ends all strife,
 such a life as killeth death.

2. Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
 such a light as shows a feast,
 such a feast as mends in length,
 such a strength as makes his guest.

3. Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
 such a joy as none can move,
 such a love as none can part,
 such a heart as joys in love.

Invitation to the Offering Sumith Kalas

Offertory Prayer

Way-Making God, your offer to us is not just to believe in heaven, but to live the kingdom here and now. Through Jesus, you show us the way, the truth, and the life. As we bring our gifts, we step into that life, choosing generosity over fear and hope over judgment. Use these offerings, and use us, to make your dwelling places visible in our community, in our compassion, in our courage. In Christ's name. Amen.