

Invitation to the Offering

Pamela Cutkosky

Offertory Prayer

Faithful God, we lift our voices and our gifts in grateful memory of your saving work. You call us to sing of your goodness and to remember your wonders, even when the way forward is hidden from view. Receive what we bring as praise made tangible, and send us out as a people who remember, who trust, and who sing of your deliverance in every season. Amen

Offertory

*Doxology UMH 94

*Closing Hymn *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* UMH 474

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, lead me on to the light:	2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: [Reprise]
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Reprise: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.	4. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand: [Reprise]
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*Benediction Reverend Burke Owens

*Alleluia UMH 78

Postlude *Toccata classique* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

The altar flowers are given by Sandra Florstedt and Bill Davidson to the Glory of God and in celebration of Alice Peterson's birthday (which also happens to be Jerry Garcia's birthday)

Cover image: Babylonian panel, ca. 604–562 BCE

*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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER

Pentecost



AUGUST 9, 2026
10:45 AM SERVICE

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SUNDAY AUGUST 9, 2026

Prelude *Meditation on Beach Spring* Dennis Janzer (b. 1954)

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Pamela Cutkosky

*Call to Worship Pamela Cutkosky

Children of God, some of us come today with songs of joy, rejoicing at all God has done for us.

We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Some of us come today with songs of mourning in our hearts, feeling the weight of loss, isolation, and loneliness.

We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Some of us come today with songs of worry and distress, overwhelmed by the troubles and the sufferings of the world.

We come to remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

In our joy, our sorrow, our isolation, and our worry, God is faithful!

We come to sing God's praises, for in all things, God's steadfast love and faithfulness never fail. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* UMH 64

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
 casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
 cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
 which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
 though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
 only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
 perfect in power, in love and purity.

4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
 God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel* arr. Lloyd Larson
 Thank you to Guest Choir Director Nancy Whitecar

Scripture *Daniel 6:16-24* Julianne Stafford

Message *Daniel and the Lion's Den* 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 *It Is Well With My Soul* UMH 377

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
 when sorrows like sea billows roll;
 whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
 It is well with my soul,
 it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
 let this blest assurance control,
 that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
 and hath shed his own blood for my soul. (Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
 My sin, not in part but the whole,
 is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
 the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
 even so, it is well with my soul. (Refrain)