

10:45 AM SERVICE

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2026

Prelude *Dirait-on* Morten Lauridsen (1943)
arr. Julianne Stafford
Fiume di Musica

Introit *Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above* Lloyd Pfautsch

Welcome Reverend Burke Owens

Passing the Peace

Life of the Community Emily King

*Call to Worship Emily King

Beloved, God's never-ending love spills out all around us, drawing us together in beloved community with God, neighbor, and all creation.

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again we say, rejoice!

May our rejoicing overflow into our families, neighborhoods, and the whole earth that through our living, working, resting, and playing, God may be glorified.

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*Hymn *The Church of Christ in Every Age* UMH 589

1. The church of Christ, in every age
beset by change but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.

4. For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.

2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live until they die.

5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord,
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

3. Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.

Children's Moment Reverend Gerardo Garcia Palacios

Anthem *Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past* W. Croft / W. H. Monk
Fiume di Musica arr. Nancy Whitecar

Scripture *Psalms 90: 1-6, 12-17* Janet Nicholls

Message *Faith and Community* Reverend Burke Owens

Moment of Silence

Prayers of the People

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 *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* UMH 648 v. 1 & 4

1. God the Spirit, guide and guardian,
windsped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets,
sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people
fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles
to your church in every place.

4. Triune God, mysterious being,
undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom,
greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings
your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting
may give glory to your name.

Stewardship Moment Linda Grossman

Invitation to the Offering Emily King

Offertory Prayer

In gratitude, we bring these gifts, signs of love learned from you. Quiet our anxious hearts and turn our attention toward what is true, honorable, and worthy of praise. Shape us into a people whose generosity is gentleness made visible, whose offerings declare we are on the side of our neighbors. Receive what we place in your hands and let it become courage, welcome, and hope. Amen.