

**May 20, 2012**  
**7th Sunday of Easter**  
**10:45 am Worship Celebration**

Good Morning! Malo e lava mai! Nisa bula vinaka!  
 In this Reconciling Congregation, all people are welcome, safe and cherished.  
[www.RMNetwork.org](http://www.RMNetwork.org)

*Presiding in worship today: Rev. Michael Love and Rev. Laurie McHugh.*

*With the sounding of the chimes, we are gathered as a family of faith.  
 Please stand as you are able where indicated by an asterisk (\*).  
 Children's activity packets are available in the entry way.*

***O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth  
 will declare your praise. (Psalm 51:15)***

Prelude *London Trio 1:* Joseph Haydn  
*Allegro moderato, Andante, Vivace*  
 Fiume di Musica: Suzanne Barchers,  
 Chuck Carman, Alicia Wilmunder

Call to Worship *from Psalm 47*  
 Leader: Clap your hands, people of God.  
 People: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy.**  
 Leader: Sing your praises, people of God.  
 People: **Sing praises to our king, sing praises.**  
 Leader: Look to the heavens, people of God.  
 People: **See the power of the Most High God.**  
 Leader: Clap your hands, people of God.  
 People: **Shout to God with loud songs of joy.**

\*Processional Hymn *Hail Thee, Festival Day* No. 324  
*vs. 1, 2, and refrain will use Ascension text*

Welcoming Invocation Rev. Michael Love  
*Please receive the registration pads from the ushers*

Anthem *God Has Gone Up With A Shout* Hal Hopson  
 Dan Swinehart, Trumpet

\*Opening Prayer  
 Leader: Most High God, as Christ ascended into the heavens,  
 may our hearts ascend to you.  
 People: **Open our eyes to the power of your Spirit, that we may  
 strive for more than the pedestrian ways of this world.**  
 Leader: Open our lives to the fullness of your power, that we may be  
 clothed with power from on high.  
 People: **Help us wait patiently for the baptism of your Spirit, that  
 we may be found worthy of your great gifts. Amen.**

***"Am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9)***

Hymn *Father, We Thank You* No. 565  
 Prayer of Confession

Leader: Merciful God, when offered the promise of your glorious  
 inheritance, we settle for so much less.  
 People: **Rather than lifting our gaze to see and live with the eyes  
 of our hearts enlightened, our eyes are fixed on the ground;  
 our hearts are set on earthly power; our aspirations are  
 limited to getting ahead.**  
 Leader: Forgive us. Teach us anew to wait for your Holy Spirit, that  
 we may be clothed with power from on high, in the name of  
 the one who ascended to heaven to show us the way to live  
 here on earth. Amen.

Silence for Reflection  
 Words of Assurance

People: **When we have the patience and the courage to wait, empty,  
 for your Spirit, O God, you justify the hope to which we  
 have been called, you fill us with your Spirit, forgive our  
 transgressions, and clothe us with power from on high.**

***"You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48)***

Prayer of Preparation Diane Allen  
 \*Scripture Reading *Luke 24:44-53 (NRSV)* Tom Fingar

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was  
 still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets,  
 and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand  
 the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to  
 suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and  
 forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning  
 from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending  
 upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have  
 been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany,  
 and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he  
 withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped  
 him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in  
 the temple blessing God.

Sermon *Messengers* Rev. Michael Love

***Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another.***  
*(Romans 14:13)*

\*Passing the Peace of Christ  
 Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
 People: **And also with you.**  
 Leader: Meet the friends of Jesus! Turn and greet your brothers and  
 sisters with the peace, love, and joy of Jesus the Christ.

Prayers of Thanks for a Community of Faith  
 Lord of all, grant that we may bring your words of life to all, that we  
 may share your love and forgiveness in the name of Christ Jesus. Hear us as  
 we name those asking for prayer. We give thanks for your grace in their lives:  
 Peggy Foiles, Betsy Scroggs, Alissa Noke, and Jerry Smith.

Hear us as we name those who have died. We give thanks for your  
 promise of the Resurrection.

*To add your name to the prayer list, fill out a Prayer Request Card and place in the  
 offering plate. Our "ongoing prayer list" (for persons who are homebound, battling long-  
 term illness, or serving overseas) may be found on our website.*

***How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!***  
*(Isaiah 52:7)*

Anthem *Hear Me, Redeemer* Henry Molicone  
 Chuck Carman, Tenor Soloist

Invitation to Offering  
 We offer the fruit of our labor that God's gospel of grace and justice be expressed  
 in this place and everywhere we are witnesses to the Lord's healing love.

Offertory *Allein Gott in der Höh sei Her* Paul Manz  
 \*Doxology *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94

\*Prayer of Dedication  
 Leader: O God, we praise you for your power and might; we praise  
 you for your love and mercy; we praise you for giving us your  
 Spirit; we praise you for your every blessing.  
 People: **In gratitude and thanksgiving, for all we have received  
 from your hand, we return to you the fruit of our industry,  
 in the name of the one who ascended to heaven, that we  
 might have fullness of life here on earth. Amen.**

***Who do you say that I am? (Mark 8:29)***

\*Recessional Hymn *Thine Be the Glory* No. 308  
 \*The Benediction (Good Word) to send us to Ministry  
 Leader: We lift up our eyes to the heavens.  
 People: **Christ ascended to show us the way.**  
 Leader: We find reason to trust in the power of the Spirit.  
 People: **Christ ascended to clothe us with power.**  
 Leader: Go as witnesses of the risen Lord.  
 People: **Christ ascended to bring us eternal life.**

*As we close our time of worship together we signify our unity in God by  
 taking the hand of a neighbor while we share the Sung Benediction.*

\*Sung Benediction *Shalom to You* No. 666

***You are my friends when you do what I command,  
 and that is to love one another. (John 15:14, 17)***

\*Alleluia No. 186 vs.1  
 Postlude *Sun Dance* Bob Chilcott

*All are invited to a time of refreshment and conversation on the patio following worship.*

*Flowers are given to the glory of God.*

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**Our Vision:**

The Children in Our Midst  
 The Mission at Our Doorstep  
 A Place of Hospitality and Grace  
*The First United Methodist Church of Palo Alto*

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Michael Love  
**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Laurie McHugh  
**Lay Leader, Fijian Language Ministry:** Lepani Verebasaga  
**Director of Children & Youth Ministries:** Keri Onan-Levy  
**Director of Music:** Mark Shaull  
**Director of Children & Youth Music:** David Huff  
**Organist:** Sarah Wannamaker

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 available to borrow in the library or to purchase by contacting the church office.**



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 time member, or just joined us, you can give with just a few clicks  
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 our mission possible! Thank you!

## NOTEWORTHY NEWS.....

**We lift the names of those asking for prayer, with thanksgiving for the healing already being received:** Peggy Foiles, Betsy Scroggs, Alissa Noke, and Jerry Smith.

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**Organ Postludium "Made in California":** Join organist Sarah Wannamaker after church on June 3rd at 11:55am for a 25 minute organ recital featuring repertoire related to the Golden State.

**New Members Classes to be offered May 27, June 3 and June 10, 12noon to 1pm in Kohlstedt Hall.** Whether you're brand new to First Church or have been enjoying the community life of this church for a while, I am very glad you are here. You are a vital part of the New Life in Christ that is being revealed in the ministry and mission of First Church. I know that many of you have been praying about joining the church and now is a great time to be prepared for that amazing step. I hope you will join me on these three Sundays to continue the journey of grace that God has already begun in you. -- *Pastor Michael*

**Annual Mission Opportunity in June: Hotel de Zink:** Be sure to sign up now to provide dinner for our Hotel de Zink guests who will be here evenings for the month of June. Meals generally include a main dish, bread, and dessert to feed 15 people. Have some fun with this and invite a friend or two to make a meal with you! We also need a Weekly Coordinator (make reminder calls). Breakfasts will be supplied by Chuck Hebel and Mark Bateman. Chuck will also be our liaison with the Hotel de Zink Staff. Sign up on the patio after worship, on the bulletin board in the education building, or online. For more information, please talk to the Outreach Committee member at the sign-up board today, or contact [Chuck.hebel@gmail.com](mailto:Chuck.hebel@gmail.com). To sign up online or to learn more about Hotel de Zink, see [www.outreach.firstpaloalto.com/hotel-de-zink/](http://www.outreach.firstpaloalto.com/hotel-de-zink/).

**Monetary Gifts for Pastor Laurie:** If you would like to make a monetary gift to Laurie, please put cash or a check payable to her in an envelope marked – SPRC-Laurie McHugh. Drop the envelope in the offering plate or send it to the church office. A lump sum deposit will be made to her bank account in June; all gifts are anonymous.

**This month the Feminist Christian Reading Group** will be viewing the feature film, *Higher Ground* at a member's home. Starring Vera Farmiga and based on the life of Carolyn Briggs, it tells the story of a woman caught between doubt and religious faith. The NYTimes calls it a "complex, spiritual struggle." Contact Sandra Florstedt (650-493-4101) for directions.

**Tuesday Trekkers May Location:** We meet at the end of San Antonio Road and Terminal Blvd. in Mt. View at 10am for an hour and a half of visiting and walking. Or come by my house at 1163 Guinda St to ride with me. We usually cover 3 miles. See you there, Patty Bellardo (650) 327-1428.

**Bay Choral Guild: All Night Vigil, June 8, 9, 10, 2012.** Order tickets on-line at <http://baychoralguild.org/>. The glorious *All Night Vigil* is one of the most beautiful and demanding works in the a cappella choral repertoire. Although often referred to as Vespers, the piece is a setting of 15 texts from the Russian Orthodox All-Night Vigil ceremony, including six movements from the canonical Russian Orthodox hour of Vespers.

**Food Collection:** Please bring a non-perishable food item each week for the InnVision Food Closet. Place your food item in one of the baskets in the Narthex. The food is delivered to the Food Closet every Monday.



**Upstream Worship Celebration**  
**Sundays at 8:45 am in Fellowship Hall**  
a casual worship celebration that is expressive, participatory, and flexible for young family members, using contemporary music and instruments.

**We are now doing Altar Flower sign ups ONLINE!**  
**Check our weekly email news for the sign-up link to "Lucky Potluck" Or go to our website:**  
[www.firstpaloalto.com/flowers](http://www.firstpaloalto.com/flowers)



**Coffee Fellowship (Snack-N-Chat) sign ups have gone ONLINE!** Check our weekly email news for the sign-up link to "Lucky Potluck"  
Or go to our website: [www.firstpaloalto.com/snacks](http://www.firstpaloalto.com/snacks)

**Couples Fellowship Group:** 1st and 3rd Sundays each month from 12 to 2pm in the Wesley Room. Contact Patty and Lou Bellardo at 327-1428.

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Check our online calendar at [www.FirstPaloAlto.com](http://www.FirstPaloAlto.com) for the latest schedule information.

#### Sunday May 20

11:45 am, **Snack-n-Chat**, Patio  
12:00 pm, **Couples Group**, Wesley Room  
12:15 pm, **Path to Growth**, Patio Room

#### Monday May 21

11:30 am, **UMW Reading Group**, Off-site  
5:00 pm, **Breaking Bread**, Kohlstedt Hall  
7:15 pm, **Uke Group**, Patio Room  
7:30 pm, **Fiume di Musica Rehearsal**, Sanctuary  
7:30 pm, **Feminist Christian Reading Group**, Wesley Room

#### Tuesday May 22

10:00 am, **Tuesday Trekkers**, San Antonio Rd. & Terminal Blvd. in Mt. View  
1:30 pm, **UMW Clara Swain Circle**, Patio Room

#### Wednesday May 23

10:00 am, **Wesley Class**, Wesley Room  
6:30 pm, **UMW D'vora Circle**, Off-site

#### Thursday May 24

7:00 pm, **Theology by the Cup**, Starbucks on Santa Cruz Ave. in Menlo Park  
8:00 pm, **Chancel Choir Rehearsal**, Kohlstedt Hall

#### Friday May 25

7:00 pm, **Upstream Ensemble**, Chapel

#### Sunday May 27

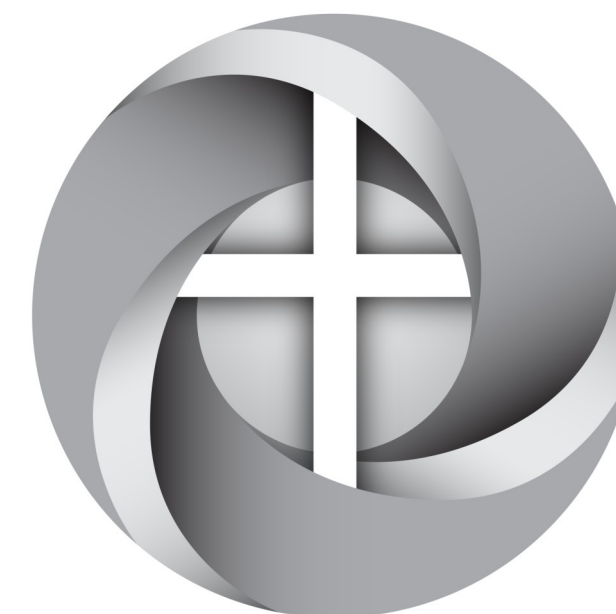
8:45 am, **Upstream**, Fellowship Hall  
9:30 to 10:30 am, **Sacred Grounds Coffee Fellowship**, Fellowship Hall  
9:15 am, **Children's Choir Rehearsal**  
9:45 am, **Children & Youth Sunday School**  
9:45 am, **Encoders Class**, Kohlstedt Hall  
9:45 am, **Spiritual Entrepreneurs**, Wesley Room  
10:30 am, **Fijian Bible Study**, Chapel  
10:45 am, **Sanctuary Worship Celebration**  
11:00 am, **Fijian Language Worship**, Chapel

**Monday May 28 - The Church Office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.**

*Do you know of rooms/times that are inaccurate in our calendar, Insights calendar, or website calendar? If so, please contact Angela Mosqueda at [Angela@firstpaloalto.com](mailto:Angela@firstpaloalto.com) so she can officially make the necessary corrections to our master calendar. Church Office Hours are Monday - Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm. Closed weekends.*

**Bread Sales on the Patio:** All proceeds go towards FUMCPA's conference apportionments.

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