

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PALO ALTO

Hybrid Service

Order of Worship

September 17, 2023

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**Guest speakers:** Mohan Iyer, Tallulah Turner,  
Nik Ravishankar, Matthew Keller,

**Cantor:** Elliot Franks

**Liturgist:** Vida Kenk

*\*PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT*

### **Call to Worship**

In the name of God, who creates planets,  
**the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth,**  
and the name of the Spirit who envelopes our planet.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with God's presence.**

Christ, we come into your presence, today, to worship in this  
sanctuary called Earth.

**Holy! Holy! Holy! Earth is filled with your presence.**

### **Opening Prayer**

Rev. Karen Peterson-Iyer

**\*Hymn #14** For the Beauty of the Earth vs. 1,2,4,5

### **Call and Prayer of Confession**

Creator, forgive us for our sins against you and your Creation.

**In your name, may we turn from our sins and work towards  
a new creation, one in which all creatures are freed from  
the bondage of greed and accumulation and are able to  
flourish into their creatureliness. May this church be a site  
of redemption, resilience, and hospitality; an extension of  
your love to all who are affected by the climate crisis. In this  
land, this structure, this community, this worship, may we  
love you more fully by seeking justice in our communities.  
Amen.**

### **Assurance**

God hears our prayers, and is with those who are in pain,  
suffering, and hardship. Jesus said, 'My peace I give to you.'

**Thanks be to God!**

### **Passing the Peace**

**Scripture:** Psalm 8 and Matthew 21:15-16

**Sermon:** Altar-Side Chat: a fresh perspective on climate  
change

**\*Hymn #713** Touch the Earth Lightly vs. 1-4

### **Offertory/Special Music**

### **Prayers of the People and Prayer of Jesus**

- Our Creator in heaven, holy be your name. Your  
kindom come your will be done on earth as it is in  
heaven.
- Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.
- Save us in the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kindom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Communion**

**\*Hymn #20** All Things Bright and Beautiful vs. 1-4

### **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**