



The Celebration of Worship

Aug 2, 2020 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Residents: Rola Al Ashkar
Veronica Gould

Welcome

Please join in lighting a candle at home.

Introit

All: Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.

Special Video

Many thanks to the contributors and to Jonathan Sakikibara for video editing.

Call to Worship

Leader: In the darkness of night and the brightness of day, You, O Lord, are present to us.

Congregation: You are present as we wrestle with situations which seem to drain us of our energy;

Leader: You are present as we struggle to find out who You call us to be,

Congregation: You reach out to us with reassurance of empowerment and courage for the days ahead.

All: Calm our spirits and prepare our hearts and lives to receive Your amazing grace.

Gathering Hymn

“Morning Has Broken”

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God’s Grace

Leader: Gracious God, with all the pains, burdens and worries that we bear, we confess that we have been too preoccupied with our own problems, and have turned our backs on those in need.

All: Cause us to turn around and see instances in which we can be of help and comfort to someone else. Give us strength and courage to truly be Your loving disciples in the ways in which we care for others. Forgive us when we stray from the paths of righteousness and peace.

Leader: Rejoice! God’s love is poured over you this day for healing, restoration, and hope. Feel the power of God’s mercy in your life. Go into God’s world knowing you are forgiven and blessed, and be a blessing to others. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Discovery Table

Veronica Gould

Hymn of Grace

“Come Down O Love Divine”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouth, the meditation of our hearts, the interpretation of our minds, and the response of our hands be acceptable to You, our Lord and our Redeemer. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 17:1-7,16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord; give heed to my cry; listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips. Let my vindication come forth from Your presence; let Your eyes be fixed on justice. Weigh my heart, summon me by night, melt me down; You will find no impurity in me. I give no offense with my mouth as others do; I have heeded the words of Your lips. My footsteps hold fast to the ways of Your law; in Your paths my feet shall not stumble. I call upon You, O God, for You will answer me; incline Your ear to me and hear my words. Show me Your marvelous loving-kindness, O Savior of those who take refuge at Your right hand from those who rise up against them. But at my vindication I shall see Your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding Your likeness.

Second Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"Bless Me Already!"

Opportunity To Present Offerings & Doxology

Please enter any prayer requests, joys or concerns, in the comments of the Facebook Live video so we can include you in our prayers.

All: Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rola Al Ashkar

The Lord's Prayer

All: Our Parent 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Sending Hymn

"Lord Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Response: "Shalom"

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, Kami no mi megumi. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, may we be blessed with grace from God.)

Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom, yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)