



The Celebration of Worship

Jan 3, 2021 2nd Sunday of Christmas/New Year

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Residents: Rola Al Ashkar
Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee

Welcome and Announcements

Veronica Gould

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.

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We welcome this new year, offering to God our hopes and our fears, remembering the joys and the pains of the past year. We put our trust in God, Who goes before us to prepare the way.

All: Glory to God for a new year, new life, and new hope. Amen.

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

All: Most Merciful God, at the turning of the year we are mindful of every new opportunity You give us to love and serve You. Forgive us the wrongdoings of the past year and open our hearts to love others as Jesus first loved us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to turn from sin and live for You alone. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Hear the assurance of God's grace offered in Paul's letter to the Ephesians: "In [Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace that He lavished on us."

All: Thanks be to God for abundant grace.

Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Judy Fukuman

All: Glory be to Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Hymn

"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Judy Fukuman

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.

Japanese Psalm Reading: Psalm 97:11-12

Michael Wright

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

1st Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Judy Fukuman

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace.

What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with. God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover God has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them than to be happy and enjoy themselves as long as they live; moreover, it is God's gift that all should eat and drink and take pleasure in all their toil..

2nd Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5, 9-18

Veronica Gould

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Sermon

Veronica Gould

"Light from Light"

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection.***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Judy Fukuman

Doxology (spoken)

Judy Fukuman

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

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Judy Yee

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.

Hymn

"God of Our Life"

Benediction

Veronica Gould

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.)

In Appreciation:

Coffee Time Hosts

There is no coffee time this week.