



## The Celebration of Worship

Jan 24, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould  
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis  
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong

### Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

*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

Christine Umeda

Leader: God called to Jonah to get up, go to Nineveh and proclaim God's word.

**People: But Jonah refused, until God called a second time.**

Leader: God is persistent. God believes in those whom God has called.

**People: Lord, give us courage.**

Leader: Give us courage to follow you all the days of our lives.

**All: Amen.**

### Confession Prayer

Christine Umeda

Leader: Holy Fountain of Forgiveness, the tale of Jonah reminds us of your never-ending love for all creation. May we be like the people of Nineveh, who were able to acknowledge their sin and open their eyes to your healing presence. Though you stand ready to forgive our sin, we find it easier to bite our tongues, clench our fists, and cling to our hurts and resentments rather than let you open our hearts.

**All: We trust you, Holy One; we pour out our hearts to you. Receive the pain that lurks in our humanity, as we offer up what we have hidden from ourselves and from the world — those words and deeds that keep us separated from your love.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: When we repent, our God relents, lifting us beyond the pain, restoring us to safety, protecting us in the refuge of eternal love. In the

name of Jesus, who is the Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God.

**All: Amen.**

### Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Christine Umeda

**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

Christine Umeda

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Veronica Gould

### Hymn

"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Christine Umeda

**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 62:6-8

Mieko Davis

For God alone my soul in silence waits;

truly, my hope is in God.

God alone is my rock and my salvation,

my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor;

God is my strong rock and my refuge.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Christine Umeda

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God reconsidered the calamity that God pledged to bring upon them; and God did not do it.

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“Having Courage When You Want to Run Away”

**Musical Offering** Wade Tambara

*Time for silent reflection.*

**Opportunity To Present Offerings** Christine Umeda

**Doxology (spoken)** Christine Umeda

**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** Christine Umeda

**Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer** Veronica Gould  
Nancy Arata-Fong

**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**

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

**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.)**

**In Appreciation:**

Coffee Time Hosts

Mariners