



The Celebration of Worship

Feb 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Liam Wright
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
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

Liam Wright

Leader: The pathway is just beginning.

People: We have encountered the wilderness.

Leader: Now we are moving rapidly toward Jerusalem.

People: Along the way we will witness astonishing acts of mercy and justice.

Leader: Lord, be with us on the journey.

People: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. Amen.

Confession Prayer

Liam Wright

Leader: Guiding Lord, even though we hesitated on our Lenten journey; we vowed to come with You through all the trials and fears toward the Cross. Today we face the challenge which true commitment brings. Are we willing to offer our whole selves to You in service?

All: We would like to think that we can do that, but we are aware of how many times we have turned away from service and instead focused on our own desires. Remind us again of the commitment You would have us give if we are to become disciples. Forgive our stubbornness and fears. Lead us forward, gracious Lord, up these steps toward the Cross. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Liam Wright

Leader: The journey of discipleship is never easy; but you can be assured that you will not be on this journey alone. Place your trust in Jesus.

All: Amen!

Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Liam Wright

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

Liam Wright

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn

"Bless the Lord"

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.

Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Liam Wright

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 22:25-27

Michael Wright

You are the reason I offer praise in the great assembly;

I will fulfill my promises before the Lord's loyal followers.

Let the oppressed eat and be filled.

Let those who seek God's help praise the Lord.

May You live forever!

Let all the people of the earth acknowledge the Lord and turn to God.

Let all the nations worship You!

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Liam Wright

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor

of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

2nd Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-36 Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Musical Offering Haruko Sakakibara

Time for silent reflection.

Opportunity To Present Offerings Liam Wright

Doxology (spoken) Liam Wright

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 Liam Wright

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

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

"Would I Have Answered When You Called"

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

There is no coffee time this week.