



The Celebration of Worship

Mar 7, 2021 Third Sunday of Lent

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator: May Lee

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: All the Earth worships and sings praises to God!

People: The Earth is alive with the Spirit of God!

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims God's handiwork.

People: The Earth is alive with the Spirit of God!

Leader: The mountains and hills will break into song!

People: The Earth is alive with the Spirit of God!

Leader: The trees of the field clap their hands, and all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

People: The Earth is alive with the Spirit of God!

Confession Prayer

Christine Umeda

Leader: The prophet Joel invites us to confession, saying, "Let your heart be broken. Come back to the Lord your God, who is kind and shows mercy, who doesn't become angry quickly but has great love, who would rather forgive than punish."

All: Loving God, we have regrets about the things we have done and the things we have left undone. We know the life that You call us to, but we stray from Your path. Call us back! Refresh our souls with the promise of Your mercy and let our lives be our thanksgiving to You, our strength and redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: Hear the good news: God was in Christ, reconciling the world with God. The risen Christ is the savior of all. All who are joined to Christ by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as Christ's reconciling community.

All: Thanks be to God!

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

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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 19:1-4

Haruko Sakakibara

The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Christine Umeda

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is

on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 2:13-22

Veronica Gould

It was almost time for the Jewish Passover, so Jesus went to Jerusalem. There in the Temple area, he saw men selling cattle, sheep, and doves. He saw others sitting at tables, exchanging and trading people's money. Jesus made a whip with some pieces of rope. Then he forced all these men and the sheep and cattle to leave the Temple area. He turned over the tables of the money traders and scattered their money. Then he said to those who were selling pigeons, "Take these things out of here! Don't make my Father's house a place for buying and selling!"

When this happened, his followers remembered what was written in the Scriptures:

"My strong devotion to your Temple will destroy me."

Some Jews said to Jesus, "Show us a miracle as a sign from God. Prove that you have the right to do these things." Jesus answered, "Destroy this temple and I will build it again in three days." They answered, "People worked 46 years to build this Temple! Do you really believe you can build it again in three days?" But the temple Jesus meant was his own body. After he was raised from death, his followers remembered that he had

said this. So they believed the Scriptures, and they believed the words Jesus said.

Sermon

Veronica Gould

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

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

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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

Mariners