



The Celebration of Worship

Mar 14, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
Zoom Moderator: Nnacy 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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God loves us with a steadfast love.

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

Leader: God loves us so much that God gave us God's Son.

People: Let us believe and have eternal life!

Leader: God loves us with a great love, rich in mercy.

People: Let us have faith to receive this grace!

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.

All: Amen!

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

Leader: In this season of Lent, O God, unsettle us. Increase in us that sense of gnawing that arises from the incongruity between our lives and the life to which you call us, and transform us in newness.

People: O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

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)

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.

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Hymn

"Change My Heart, O God"

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 107:1-3

Mieko Davis

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good,
and God's mercy endures for ever.

Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
God gathered them out of the lands;
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

1st Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Judy Fukuman

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."

Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever

a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 3:14-21 Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"Why Did it Have to be Snakes?"

Musical Offering Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection.

Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Have mercy upon us.

Leader: O Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

People: Grant us your peace.

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

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

"To God Be the Glory"

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.