



## The Celebration of Worship

Mar 21, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Lent

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould  
Worship Leader: TBD  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida  
Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee

### 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

Worship Leader

Leader: The journey of Lent continues with a journey of sacrifice.

**People: We are called upon to give our lives to God.**

Leader: We are called upon to give of ourselves to others.

**People: Lord, help us to reach inward in confession and outward in service.**

Leader: Be with us this day and walk with us on this journey.

**People: Amen.**

### Confession Prayer

Worship Leader

Leader: Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back.

**People: Draw us back to You, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in You that the message of peace and mercy You have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to Your healing mercy. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

Worship Leader

Leader: Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. AMEN.

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

Worship Leader

**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

Worship Leader

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Veronica Gould

### Hymn

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

### Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Worship Leader

**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 51:11-13

Miyo Uchida

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Your presence  
and take not Your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of Your saving help again  
and sustain me with Your bountiful Spirit.

### 1st Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Worship Leader

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**2nd Scripture Reading: John 12:20-33** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“Out of Our Hearts and Into the World”

**Musical Offering** Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection.*

**Opportunity To Present Offerings** Worship Leader

**Doxology (spoken)** Worship Leader

**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** Worship Leader

**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**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

**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:**

Online Greeter  
Coffee Time Hosts

May Lee  
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