



The Celebration of Worship

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Kishwer Vikaas
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara
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

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People: CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

Leader: Darkness has been vanquished!

People: THE BRILLIANT LIGHT OF HOPE HAS COME!

Leader: Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

People: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN! AMEN!!

Confession Prayer

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Gracious God, you have walked patiently with us throughout our Lenten journey. You have celebrated our successes and our growing understanding of your love; and you have mourned our failures and rejections of your healing mercies.

People: This day, as we have gathered to celebrate the joy of Easter, let us remember that we are to become “Easter People”, people of the Resurrection; people who know that what was thought to be impossible has been conquered. Forgive our stubbornness and fears.

Assurance of God's Grace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: God is merciful and abounding in steadfast love. Feel the healing, loving power of God in your lives, for it is given to you through Jesus Christ.

People: AMEN.

Response to God's Forgiveness (spoken)

Kishwer Vikaas

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

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Veronica Gould

Hymn

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Kishwer Vikaas

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: 118:22-24

Haruko Sakakibara

The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing,

and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted;

we will rejoice and be glad in it.

1st Scripture Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Kishwer Vikaas

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And God will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of God's people God will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for the
Lord, so that God might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in God's salvation.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 20:1-18 Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"I'll Be Back"

Musical Offering Haruko Sakakibara

"Pie Jesu" by Gabriel Faure

Time for silent reflection.

Holy Communion Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Opportunity To Present Offerings Kishwer Vikaas

Doxology (spoken) Kishwer Vikaas

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 Kishwer Vikaas

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer Veronica Gould

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

"Thine 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:

Online Greeter
Coffee Hour

May Lee
PPW