



The Celebration of Worship

May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday in Easter

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Pastoral Resident: Veronica Gould
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
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

Christine Umeda

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

People: Together we shall read and understand.

Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

All: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

Confession Prayer

Christine Umeda

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: Amen!

Response to God's Forgiveness

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

"Baptized in Water"

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: 22:22-24

Haruko Sakakibara

Here's the story I'll tell my friends when they come to worship,

and punctuate it with Hallelujahs:

Shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers;

give glory, you sons of Jacob;

adore him, you daughters of Israel.

God has never let you down,

never looked the other way

when you were being kicked around.

God has never wandered off to do God's own thing;

God has been right there, listening.

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Christine Umeda

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,

so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 15:1-8

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Jesus said to his disciples, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

“Good News for All...and All Means All”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

“Arioso” by J.S. Bach

Time for silent reflection.

Baptism & Welcoming of New Member Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Leader: Do we, the congregation of Parkview Presbyterian Church, bless Linda Yasumura in her baptism and will we do all that we can to support and strengthen her faith?

People: We do and we will! [Please unmute yourself.]

Leader: Do we, the congregation of Parkview Presbyterian Church, welcome Linda Yasumura into membership?

People: We do! [Please unmute yourself.]

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Christine Umeda

Doxology

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.

Sending Hymn

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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.
Sha rom, sha rom, mata a u hi ma de. Sha rom, sha rom,
yuta kani, yuta kani, yuta kani.**

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter

Coffee Hour

May Lee

Jujikai