

The Celebration of Worship

May 9, 2021 Mother's Day

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

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Let us join together in praise of our Creator, the Maker of all that is, seen and unseen: "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

People: I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful; I know that full well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

People: Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

Leader: Blessed are You, O Lord, for all of Your Creation!

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Out of the depths we cry to God, in our suffering and in our pain. Out of the depths God cries to us, asking us to repent, to return to God with our whole hearts, to admit our sin, and to accept forgiveness. So let us pray with one another, first in silence.

Pause for silent reflection.

Leader: Holy God, hear our prayer:

All: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us; we pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend

our actions, and the hope that Your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Friends, let us proclaim the Good News for all the world:

All: Christ was born, lived and died, and rose again that we would be freed from sin and death.

Leader: Know that indeed you are forgiven, and be at peace.

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Confession and Assurance adapted from Rev. Beth Merrill Neel

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

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: 98:8-9

Mieko Davis

Let the rivers clap their hands,

let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the Lord,

for God comes to judge the earth.

God will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

1st Scripture Reading: 1 John 5:1-6

Judy Fukuman

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey

his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

2nd Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

Veronica Gould

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon Veronica Gould

"Overcoming"

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.

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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

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.

Sending Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

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:

Online Greeter May Lee
Coffee Time There is no coffee time this week.