



## The Celebration of Worship

June 13, 2021 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Pentecost

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

### 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

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, who is loving and faithful.

**People: We sing our praise to the Most High God!**

Leader: From the morning to the evening, God is loving and faithful.

**People: We raise our song with voices and instruments.**

Leader: The breath in our lungs, the beating of our heart, and this new day we greet are all miracles. God's handiwork is everywhere!

**People: Our hearts sing for joy in the presence of our God.**

**All: Alleluia!**

### Confession Prayer

Kishwer Vikaas

**All: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**All: May the God of mercy, who forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. 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

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

### Hymn

"There's Wideness in God's Mercy"

### 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 Reading: Psalm 92:12-13

Mieko Davis

The righteous will spring up like a palm tree.

They will grow strong like a cedar of Lebanon.

Those who have been replanted in the Lord's house will spring up in the courtyards of our God.

### 1st Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Kishwer Vikaas

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: Mark 4:26-34**

Veronica Gould

[Jesus] also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Sermon**

Veronica Gould

“Transformation Underground”

**Musical Offering**

Wade Tambara

*Time for silent reflection.***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Kishwer Vikaas

**Doxology**

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**

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**

“We Know That Christ Is Raised”

**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  
Coffee Time

May Lee  
Jujikai