

The Celebration of Worship

July 4, 2021 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
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 Judy Fukuman

Leader: God interrupted Samuel with an unexpected call.

People: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

Leader: God surprised Jesse, choosing his youngest son, David, to be

king.

People: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

Leader: We join with Christ and are a part of God's new creation.

People: O Mighty God, we come to join the harvest.

Leader: Gather us in, O Holy One, for we would be Your people.

All: Amen.

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Holy God, You call us to live in mystery, to walk by faith.

People: Yet we long for plans with goals and schedules. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to place our trust in You, to live according to Your direction.

People: Yet we want life to make sense from a human point of view. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: You call us to feel the mystery of life, to marvel at the power of Your love.

People: Yet it's not easy to accept your promise that everything old has passed away. It's hard to live by faith.

Leader: Forgive us, holy maker of reality.

People: Forgive us for playing god instead of accepting our humanity.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's

love for all of us.

People: Praise be to God! 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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Hymn

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

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 Reading: Psalm 112:4-6

Michael Wright

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-5

Judy Fukuman

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice,

and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 10:7-14 Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson Jesus said to the twelve, "As you go, proclaim the good news, "The kingdom of heaven has come near." Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"There's a Spark in You"

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

"Entra'acte" from Rosamunde, Franz Schubert

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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People: Have mercy upon us.

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

"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"

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

May Lee