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**Opportunity To Present Offerings** Jana Nakase-Lee

**Doxology** Jana Nakase-Lee

**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** Jana Nakase-Lee

**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: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

*See insert.*

**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 May Lee  
Parking Dave McGill  
Sound System TBD  
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong



## The Celebration of Worship

September 5, 2021 • 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson  
Worship Leader: Jana Nakase-Lee  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

**Prelude** Haruko Sakakibara

**Welcome/Announcements/Candlelighting** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

**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** Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Blessed be the Lord of Hosts, who cleanses and heals our lives.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Holy One, who brings us from despair to hope.

**People: Praise be to God!**

Leader: Blessed be the Giver of Life, who nurtures and comforts us.

**People: Let us praise God with our whole hearts and souls! Amen.**

**Confession Prayer** Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Holy God, our souls are thirsty for You. Like the Israelites of old, remind us that You are always with us even when we are grumbling in our deserts of despair. In the daily round from sunrise to sunset, remind us again of Your holy presence hovering near us and in us. Free us from shame and self-doubt. Help us to see You in the moment-by-moment possibilities to live honestly, to act courageously, and to speak from our wisdom.

**People: Amen.**

**Assurance of God's Grace** Jana Nakase-Lee

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

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

*Blessing of the backpacks.*

## Hymn: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"

*See insert.*

## Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Jana Nakase-Lee

**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 42:1-3

Haruko Sakakibara

As the deer pants for streams of water,  
so my soul pants for You, my God.  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
When can I go and meet with God?  
My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
While people say to me all day long,  
"Where is your God?"

## 1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Jana Nakase-Lee

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.

The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah[b]because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

## 2nd Scripture Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.'

Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"Got Thirst?"

## Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*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.**