

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. Kim Nelson

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: "God of the Sparrow"

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| <i>God of the sparrow</i> | <i>How does the creature cry Woe</i> |
| <i>God of the whale</i> | <i>How does the creature cry Save</i> |
| <i>God of the swirling stars</i> | |
| <i>How does the creature say Awe</i> | <i>God of the rainbow</i> |
| <i>How does the creature say Praise</i> | <i>God of the cross</i> |
| | <i>God of the empty grave</i> |
| <i>God of the earthquake</i> | <i>How does the creature say Grace</i> |
| <i>God of the storm</i> | <i>How does the creature say Thanks</i> |
| <i>God of the trumpet blast</i> | |

Benediction Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

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:

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| Online Greeter | May Lee |
| Parking | John Seno |
| Sound System | Tom Tambara |
| Zoom Moderator: | Judy Yee |



The Celebration of Worship
Sep 12, 2021 • 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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| Interim Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson |
| Guest Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson |
| Worship Leader: | Jana Nakase-Lee |
| Pianist: | Wade Tambara |
| Japanese Reader: | Mieko Davis |

Prelude Wade Tambara

Welcome/Announcements/Candlelighting Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

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: The heavens shout of God's glory!
People: There is so much beauty in this earth and in the heavens!
Leader: Day by day we are reminded of God's creative love.
People: Day by day we are blessed with large and small visions of God's glory.
Leader: Come, let us praise the God of creation.
People: Let us sing and shout our praises of thanksgiving and joy to God. Amen.

Confession Prayer Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Lord, it is easy for us to say that we will follow You; and then turn our backs and act as though our commitment to You does not mean anything to us. Jesus challenges us to take up our crosses, and when we don't understand what that means, we just shrug and turn away.
People: Forgive us for our lack of commitment and faith. Heal us of our greed and fears. Give us courage to be disciples and enable us to joyfully proclaim Your healing mercies and Your transformational love. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Receive the healing love of Jesus. Give your lives to His service by serving and caring for others. Be at peace.
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. Kim Nelson

Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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| <i>All things bright and beautiful</i> | <i>All things bright and beautiful</i> |
| <i>All creatures great and small</i> | <i>All creatures great and small</i> |
| <i>All things wise and wonderful</i> | <i>All things wise and wonderful</i> |
| <i>'Twas God that made them all</i> | <i>'Twas God that made them all</i> |

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| <i>Each little flower that opens</i> | <i>The purple beaded mountains</i> |
| <i>Each little bird that sings</i> | <i>The rivers running by</i> |
| <i>He made their glowing colors</i> | <i>The sunset and the morning</i> |
| <i>And made their tiny wings</i> | <i>That brightens up the sky</i> |

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 8:1-2

Mieko Davis

Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory
in the heavens.
Through the praise of children and infants
You have established a stronghold against Your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 8:3-9

Jana Nakase-Lee

When I consider your heavens,
the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars,
which you have set in place,
what is humankind that you are mindful of them,
human beings that you care for them?
You have made them a little lower than the angels
and crowned them with glory and honor.
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;
you put everything under their feet:
all flocks and herds,
and the animals of the wild,
the birds in the sky,
and the fish in the sea,
all that swim the paths of the seas.
Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 12:22-31

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?"
"Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will God clothe you—you of little faith! And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Parent knows that you need them. But seek God's kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

"Remembering God's Promises"

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection.

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Jana Nakase-Lee