Sending Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise,
This our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all, to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise.

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. (Peace, peace, until we meet again. Peace, peace, abundantly, abundantly, abundantly.)

In Appreciation:

Online Greeter May Lee
Parking D. McGill
Sound System TBD
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong



The Celebration of Worship

Sep 19, 2021 • 17th Sunday after Pentecost

Interim Pastor: Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Prelude Janet Hill

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 Judy Fukuman

Leader: Just as the heavens burst forth in praise to God . . .

People: We celebrate God's abundant and powerful love.

Leader: Day by day, and night by night . . .

People: God watches over us, loving and healing us.

Leader: Come, celebrate with joy the love of God.

People: Open our hearts and spirits, Lord, and teach us Your ways. Amen.

Confession Prayer

Judy Fukuman

Leader: O God, we live our lives as best we can—dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But here, right now, we seldom have the right answers, we seldom seek Your higher wisdom in our lives, we just move ahead.

People: Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace. Amen.

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: When we come before God in humility and honesty, God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed blessing.

People: Thanks be to God!

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: "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore You, All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays, God of glory, Lord of love; Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Stars and angels sing around You, Op'ning to the sun above. Center of unbroken praise; Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Field and forest, vale and mountain, Drive the dark of doubt away; Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea, Giver of immortal gladness, Chanting bird and flowing fountain Fill us with the light of day! Praising You eternally!

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 84:1-3

Miyo Uchida

How lovely is Your dwelling place,

Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints,

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh cry out

for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may have her young—

a place near Your altar,

Lord Almighty, my Sovereign and my God.

1st Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Judy Fukuman

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2nd **Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:8-9** Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Pamela Anderson

"Beautiful Glass"

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

Time for silent reflection.

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.