

Musical Offering

Time for silent reflection.

Janet Hill

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Christine Umeda

Doxology

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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

Christine Umeda

Joys & Concerns

Titus Toyama

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service"

See insert.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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

Parking

Tak Fukuman

Sound System

Tom Tambara

Zoom Moderator:

Nancy Arata-Fong



The Celebration of Worship

Oct 17, 2021 • 21st Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Christine Umeda

Pianist:

Janet Hill

Japanese Reader:

Miyo Uchida

Prelude

Janet Hill

Welcome/Announcements/Candlelighting

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: This is God's house, a place of welcome and peace. This is a place to encounter, experience and embrace the Holy One.

People: From the midst of our real lives with our very real concerns, we come to seek courage and strength from God's presence.

Leader: We come to be refreshed and inspired by God's amazing grace.

People: We come to respond to the greatest opportunity life offers us: The Gospel's invitation to come to know, come to love, come to serve Jesus Christ.

All: We come to rejoice in God's kindness and praise Almighty God!

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: What God asks of us is to remember this promise: God will be with us and work in us. Come before God now, expecting to experience God's transforming presence. Let's entrust our brokenness to God, that we may be made whole.

Confession Prayer

Christine Umeda

Leader: Loving God, You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world.

People: You ask us to speak up for those in need, but our fears and prejudices run deep. We feel overwhelmed and turn away from those struggling for the basics of home, health, water, and work.

Leader: Forgive us. As we admit the ways we have failed You, hurt others, and done things we shouldn't have done, lift us from guilt and shame to

new life.

All: Strengthen us with faith to share the power of Your Gospel with those who long for Your life-giving joy. Inspire us to whole-hearted devotion to You.

Silent reflection and confession.

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness!

People: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Sue Lorens

Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

See insert.

Unison Prayer Of Guidance

Christine Umeda

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 105:1-4

Miyo Uchida

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim the Lord's name;
make known among the nations what the Lord has done.

Sing to the Lord, sing praise to the Lord;
tell of all the Lord's wonderful acts.

Glory in the Lord's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Look to the Lord and the Lord's strength;
seek the Lord's face always.

1st Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:10-13, 4:1-5, 10-12 Christine Umeda

So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites

out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain." Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM"; "Thus you shall say to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

Then Moses said, "What if they will not believe me or listen to what I say? For they may say, 'The Lord has not appeared to you.'" The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" And Moses said, "A staff." Then God said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. But the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand and grasp it by its tail." So Moses stretched out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand. "This," said the Lord, "is so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Moses said to the Lord, "O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue." The Lord said to him, "Who gave human beings their mouths? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say."

Introduction of Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Haruko Sakakibara

2nd Scripture Reading: John 12:1-3

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him.

Mary then took about a pint of very costly perfume of pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Plain Cheese Pizza"