



## Food Closet Donations

Sun, Dec 5 & 12

A collection box will be in the social hall for the South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership (SSIP) food closet. The mission of SSIP is “to maintain and operate an emergency food distribution program to help alleviate food insecurity for Sacramento area residents.” They are accepting:

- canned food
- tea bags and coffee
- dog and cat food (can and dry)
- toilet paper (individually wrapped)
- tissue boxes
- baby diapers in several sizes
- adult incontinent products
- feminine hygiene products.

If you are not able to drop off your donations at Parkview, you can deliver them to Donna Komure-Toyama’s house, 2746 Marty Way, Sacramento 95818. There will be a collection box at the back door. Thank you!

Parkview SSIP team: Terri Bowman, Carla Hart, Janet Hill, Donna Komure-Toyama, May Lee, Irene Uno, Lois Van Beers, Judy, William Yee.



## The Celebration of Worship

December 5, 2021 • 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara  
Advent Candle Lighting: Michael & Luda Wright

**Prelude** Haruko Sakakibara

**Welcome/Announcements** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Advent Candle Lighting** Michael & Luda Wright

This morning during the season of Advent we light the second candle in the Advent wreath, which is the candle of peace.

We light the first candle in hope. (*Light the first candle.*)

We light the second candle for peace. (*Light the second candle.*)

Advent sets a mood of waiting in the dark for Christ’s coming, waiting for the one who is the Light of the world. Each new candle we light shows we are getting closer to the day we celebrate Christ’s birth. We light these candles today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one who brings peace to all who will receive it. Let’s pray:

Leader: Stir up our hearts, O God, to prepare the way for your Son. We anticipate his coming, and the light of your love and peace that burns so brightly in Jesus.

**All: Bring your light on our path through the difficult times in our lives. May we live in peace with all people and all creation. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### \*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.**

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*\* Those who can, please rise*

### Call to Worship

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Come, God's holy people, to follow the way prepared for you.

**People: Once again, the world journeys to the manger in search of peace, as the glory of God transforms all the world.**

**All: O God, receive our grateful worship as we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.**

### \*Opening Hymn: "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;**

**from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,**

**born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;**

**by thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

### Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We live in a world of violence, which we tolerate by our silence.

God is drawing near to us: Come to us, God, with Your peace. As God draws near to us, let us bring our yearnings and failings to God as we pray our prayer of confession.

### Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Emmanuel, God-promised and God-with-us: give us peace as we need peace; give us courage to live in times without peace.

**People: As we come through Advent again, free us to claim our own welling-up joy, and sustain us when joy seems far away.**

**All: Spirit of holiness and good tidings, purify our mixed motives and strengthen our willingness to serve. Our hearts rejoice in Your promises and the gifts of Your peace. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

### \*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:

Greeters:

Judy Fukuman, Lois Van Beers

Online Greeter:

May Lee

Parking:

Gary Younglove

Sound System:

Jonathan Sakakibara, Cathy Nishizaki

Zoom Moderator:

Lois Van Beers

### **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: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"**

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
from angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all,  
from heaven's all-gracious King":  
the world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**Still through the cloven skies they come,  
with peaceful wings unfurled,  
and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world:  
above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hovering wing,  
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.  
Yet with the woes of sin and strife the world has suffered long;  
beneath the heavenly hymn has rolled  
two thousand years of wrong;  
and we at war on earth hear not the tidings that they bring;  
O, hush the noise and cease the strife to hear the angels sing!**

**For lo, the days are hastening on, by prophets seen of old,  
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold.  
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,  
and the whole world give back the song which now the angels sing.**

### **\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### **Assurance of God's Grace**

Betsy Eskridge

**Leader: Jesus comes to us with grace. Not to punish us, but to gift us with peace. Not to judge, but to save us. Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ, the Promised One, we are forgiven.**

**All: We believe the good news of the gospel. 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**

Betsy Eskridge

**Leader: The peace of Lord be with you always.**

**All: And also with you.**

### **Children's Message**

Sue Lorens

### **Hymn: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"**

**Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;  
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.**

**King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,  
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food.**

### **Unison Prayer Of Guidance**

Betsy Eskridge

**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: Isaiah 2:3-5**

Haruko Sakakibara

Many peoples shall come and say, “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:6-9**

Betsy Eskridge

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading: John 14:27**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“All I Want for Christmas Is ... Peace”

**Musical Offering**

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection*

**Holy Communion**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,  
you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,  
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

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.**

**Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Betsy Eskridge

**\*Doxology**

Betsy Eskridge

**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**

Betsy Eskridge

**Joys & Concerns**

Titus Toyama

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave