

## In Appreciation:

Flowers Dec 19:  
Flowers Dec 26:  
Greeters:  
Online Greeter:  
Usher:  
Parking:  
Sound System:  
Zoom Moderator:

Tom and Wade Tambara  
Lynn Yamamoto  
Lori Hart, Luda Wright  
May Lee  
Michael Wright  
Russ Hart  
Titus Toyama  
Lori Hart



## The Celebration of Worship

December 26, 2021 • 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Steve Hanway  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis  
Advent Candle Lighting: Chelsea & Han-Bee

### Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

### \*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.**

### Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Advent Candle Lighting

Chelsea & Han-Bee

This morning we light all the candles of the Advent wreath, including the Christ candle. Our season of preparation is over, Christ is born! The warm glow of the candles represents the light God has put into our hearts through giving the gift of Jesus, the Holy Child of Bethlehem, the Prince of Peace, the Light of the World.

O Jesus, we celebrate your birth! You are the Light of the world. You have come to strengthen the worn-out and weary, to guide the lost, and to walk with the lonely. You are the hope of all people. Give us the joy of your Presence always, and shed your light on our path through the dark times in our lives.

Let us pray:

**All: Most Holy God, we rejoice this day because we know that You love us so much that you sent Jesus into the world as Immanuel, God-with-us. Come to us, stay with us, live in us, love the world through us, we pray. Amen.**

### Call to Worship

Steve Hanway

Leader: Christ is born! Give him glory! Christ has come down from heaven! Receive him!

**People: Christ is now on earth! Praise him!**

Leader: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.



-----  
*\* Those who can, please rise*

**People:** Jesus, Son of the Living God, splendor of the Father, Light eternal.

**All:** We lift our voices to join the angels in worshipping the newborn King, the Child of wonder, the Prince of Peace.

**\*Opening Hymn: “Angels, from the Realms of Glory” (#22)**

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye, who sang creation’s story, now proclaim Messiah’s birth:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King!

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing, yonder shines the infant light:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the newborn King!

Sages, leave your contemplations, brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great desire of nations; ye have seen His natal star:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the newborn King!

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son,  
Evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ the newborn King!

**Invitation to Confession**

Steve Hanway

Leader: “O holy child of Bethlehem descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.”

**Prayer of Confession**

Steve Hanway

Leader: Holy God, we sing, O Come All Ye Faithful, but confess that we fall short of Your intentions for us.

**People:** We could have shown more love and patience to others this holiday season. We could have encouraged more and criticized less. Forgive us.

Leader: Gracious God, You have given the world a Savior, offering new life to all. By Your Spirit, fill us with the joy of Christmas, and the joy that comes from beholding Your glory in Your Son, who is God-with-us. Amen.

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

**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: “Joy to the World” (#40)**

Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love, and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

**\*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.)*

**Japanese Reading: Luke 2:10-11**

Mieko Davis

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6**

Steve Hanway

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Sermon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Homecoming”

Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Musical Offering**

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

Steve Hanway

**\*Doxology**

**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**

Steve Hanway

**Joys & Concerns**

Titus Toyama

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

Steve Hanway

Leader: How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given! So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of his heaven.

**People: No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin, where meek souls will receive Him, still the dear Christ enters in.**

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

Steve Hanway

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Children’s Message**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Choir Anthem**

by Natalie Sleeth

“Calypso Christmas”

**\*Reflection Hymn: “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice!” (#28)**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today;  
ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this!  
He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this!**

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice;  
now ye need not fear the grave: Jesus Christ was born to save!  
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.  
Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!**

**Unison Prayer of Guidance**

**All: Holy God, through the power of your Holy Spirit illumine your word, that we might see Christ, the living Word, the light of the world. Amen.**