

***Sending Hymn: “Go, Tell It on the Mountain” (#29)**

Refrain Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

While shepherds kept their watching
o’er silent flocks by night,
behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light.

Refrain

The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior’s birth.

Refrain

Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
and God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn.

Refrain

***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:

Greeters: Cathy Nishizaki, Haruko Sakakibara
Online Greeter: May Lee
Usher: Tak Fukuman
Parking: Gary Younglove
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator: Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

January 2, 2022 • 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

Prelude

Janet Hill

***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

Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: The Word became flesh and lived among us.

People: And we have seen His glory.

Leader: The true light that enlightens everyone has come into the world.

All :We praise you, O God, for Jesus, the Wonder of Your love. O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

***Opening Hymn: “O Come, All Ye Faithful” (#41)**

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant;

O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!

Come, and behold him, born the King of angels!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exaltation;

sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;

O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!

** Those who can, please rise*

**Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!**

Invitation to Confession Christine Umeda
Trusting in God's love made known in the gift of Jesus, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession Christine Umeda
Leader: God of wonder, You surround us with signs of Your glory yet we often miss the marvels You place before us.

People: Make us alert to the ways You make Yourself known, that we may proclaim Your extravagant love.

Leader: Loving Lord of all, You came as a baby into our world. Forgive us for ignoring others who are hungry, not only for food, but for love and encouragement.

People: You became poor to serve the world, forgive us for placing our security in money and having lots of stuff.

All: Lord Jesus, Fill us, and all the world, with the joy that comes from seeing your glory, for You are God-with-us. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace Christine Umeda
Leader: As children of the Holy One, God forgives you and loves you eternally.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 Christine Umeda
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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.

- Prayer of Thanksgiving
- Words of Institution
- Receiving the Elements

Opportunity To Present Offerings Christine Umeda

***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** Christine Umeda

Joys & Concerns/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.

1st Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-7

Christine Umeda

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord spoke to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant, saying, "My servant Moses is dead. Now proceed to cross the Jordan, you and all this people, into the land that I am giving to them, to the Israelites. Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given to you, as I promised to Moses. From the wilderness and the Lebanon as far as the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, to the Great Sea in the west shall be your territory. No one shall be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous; for you shall put this people in possession of the land that I swore to their ancestors to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, being careful to act in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, so that you may be successful wherever you go."

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"New Beginnings"

Numbers 13:25-28 and 30-33

At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. And the spies came to Moses and Aaron and to the Israelites in the wilderness; they brought back word to them, and showed them the fruit of the land. And they told them, "We came to the land to which you sent us; it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit." Yet the people who live in the land are strong, and the towns are fortified and very large;"

But Caleb said, "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Then the men who had gone with him said, "We are not able to go up against this people, for they are stronger than we... The land that we have gone through as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great size."

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection****Reflection Hymn: "What Child Is This" (#53)**

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold,
and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own Him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone Him.

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste, to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

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.

Japanese Reading: Psalm 108:1-5

Mieko Davis

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;
I will sing and make melody.
Awake, my soul! Awake, O harp and lyre!
I will awake the dawn.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
and I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,
and let your glory be over all the earth.