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The Celebration of Worship

January 16, 2022 • 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

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

Call to Worship Judy Fukuman

Leader: In the sanctuary and at home, the Lord God calls us.

People: Beside the river, in the park, along the road, in our daily tasks, God calls us.

Leader: Listen for the promise of God's steadfast love and faithfulness. God calls us and fulfills God's divine purposes for our lives.

All: We long to encounter the Holy One. We are listening for God's call in our lives as we give thanks and sing God's praise.

*Opening Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (#482)

**Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?**

**Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
gladly for aye we adore Him.**

** Those who can, please rise*

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We don't have to twist God's arm in order to get God to forgive us. Let's entrust our brokenness to God, that we might be made whole.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Loving God, you meet us where we live and invite us to be part of your purpose. If we're going to follow you, we have to start right where we are.

People: Release us from our fear of unworthiness and from critical attitudes that harsh on others and ourselves. Forgive us when our lives don't reflect your kindness and compassion.

All: By the power of your Holy Spirit, set us free from apathy and despair. Teach us how to love and respect each other, so we make Jesus' life visible in our world.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We are not our own, we are God's: we have been saved by the gift of God's amazing grace. As our response to God's grace, let's choose to live for God, and serve all of God's children.

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

Judy Fukuman

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*Reflection Hymn: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service,
called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment
fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing,
side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring
to fulfill God's chosen end.

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: "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (#369)

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

***Charge and Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
"Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

*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.)

1st Scripture Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19

Judy Fukuman

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Intentional Living”

Galatians 5:16-25

Live by the Spirit, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

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

Judy Fukuman

***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**

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns/Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring,
Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering,
reconciling folk on earth.**

**Men and women, richer, poorer,
all God’s people, young and old,
blending human skills together
gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission,
in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other’s burdens,
breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision,
words of challenge, said with care,
bring new power and strength for action,
make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow
ways to order human life
that surround each person’s sorrow
with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living,
our compassion to increase,
messengers of faith, thus giving
hope and confidence and peace.**

Unison Prayer of Guidance

**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: Ecclesiastes 9:10

Miyo Uchida

Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might.