

***Sending Hymn: “Be Thou My Vision” (#339)**

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
thou mine inheritance now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

***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: Julie Howe, Wade Tambara
Online Greeter: May Lee
Usher: Tak Fukuman
Parking: Dave McGill
Sound System: Dave McGill, Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator: Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

January 30, 2022 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Phillip Chew
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

***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 Phillip Chew

Leader: How good it is to gather to worship God.

People: God gathers us into a community to love and respect and prayer for each other and for the world.

Leader: Here, we discover the grace that breaks down barriers. Here, we learn to trust God and to follow where God leads us.

All: Empowered by God’s grace, confident of God’s holy presence in every moment, we offer our thanks and praise to God.

***Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (#138)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.**

** Those who can, please rise*

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
thou the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!
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Invitation to Confession

Phillip Chew

In worship and at work, in life and in loss, now and in every moment, Christ is among us: loving us, teaching us, and hoping to lead us. Let's think about our habits and attitudes that keep us from recognizing him. Let's confess our faults and failings to God.

Prayer of Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: God of compassion and justice, we confess that sometimes we feel like giving up in a world where it seems that poverty and violence will always be with us.

People: In our world there is a huge gap between promise and performance; between our capacity to prevent poverty and disease and violence, and our will to do so. Forgive us.

Leader: Remind us that apathy and cynicism are the easy way out. Teach us how to ease suffering; how to love and respect each other.

All: O God of hope, we pledge to pray and work for a world that brings You joy.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Phillip Chew

Leader: We are not our own, we are God's: we have been saved by the gift of God's amazing grace.

People: As a response to God's grace, we 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.

a stick?" And he cursed him by his gods. "Come on," said the Philistine. "I'll make roadkill of you for the buzzards. I'll turn you into a tasty morsel for the field mice."

David answered, "You come at me with sword and spear. I come at you in the name of God-of-the-Angel-Armies, the God of Israel's troops, whom you curse and mock. This very day God is handing you over to me. I'm about to kill you, cut off your head, and serve up your body and the bodies of your Philistine buddies to the crows and coyotes. The whole earth will know that there's an extraordinary God in Israel. And everyone gathered here will learn that God doesn't save by means of sword or spear. The battle belongs to God—he's handing you to us on a platter!"

That roused the Philistine, and he started toward David. David took off from the front line, running toward the Philistine. David reached into his pocket for a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine hard in the forehead, embedding the stone deeply. The Philistine crashed, facedown in the dirt.

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Phillip Chew

***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**

Phillip Chew

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.

dressed in armor—126 pounds of it! He wore bronze shin guards and carried a bronze sword. His spear was like a fence rail—the spear tip alone weighed over fifteen pounds. His shield bearer walked ahead of him.

Goliath stood there and called out to the Israelite troops, “Why bother using your whole army? So pick your best fighter and pit him against me. If he gets the upper hand and kills me, the Philistines will all become your slaves. But if I get the upper hand and kill him, you’ll all become our slaves and serve us. I challenge the troops of Israel this day. Give me a man. Let us fight it out together!”

When Saul and his troops heard the Philistine’s challenge, they were terrified and lost all hope. “Master,” said David, “don’t give up hope. I’m ready to go and fight this Philistine.”

Saul answered David, “You can’t go and fight this Philistine. You’re too young and inexperienced—and he’s been at this fighting business since before you were born.”

David said, “I’ve been a shepherd, tending sheep for my father. Whenever a lion or bear came and took a lamb from the flock, I’d go after it, knock it down, and rescue the lamb. If it turned on me, I’d grab it by the throat, wring its neck, and kill it. Lion or bear, it made no difference—I killed it. And I’ll do the same to this Philistine pig who is taunting the troops of God. God, who delivered me from the teeth of the lion and the claws of the bear, will deliver me from this Philistine.” Saul said, “Go. And God help you!”

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

“Five Smooth Stones”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

1 Samuel 17:11, 38-49

Then Saul outfitted David as a soldier in armor. He put his bronze helmet on his head and belted his sword on him over the armor. David tried to walk but he could hardly budge. David told Saul, “I can’t even move with all this stuff on me. I’m not used to this.” And he took it all off.

Then David took his shepherd’s staff, selected five smooth stones from the brook, and put them in the pocket of his shepherd’s pack, and with his sling in his hand approached Goliath.

As the Philistine paced back and forth, his shield bearer in front of him, he noticed David. He took one look down on him and sneered—a mere boy, apple-cheeked and peach-fuzzed.

The Philistine ridiculed David. “Am I a dog that you come after me with

Passing of the Peace

Phillip Chew

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

All: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*Reflection Hymn: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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: Psalm 103:8-13

Miyo Uchida

The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

God does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as the heavens are high above the earth,

so great is God’s steadfast love toward those who revere God;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far God removes our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion for his children,

so the LORD has compassion for those who revere God.

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 17:2-11 and 31-37

Phillip Chew

Saul and the Israelites came together, camped at Oak Valley, and spread out their troops in battle readiness for the Philistines. The Philistines were on one hill, the Israelites on the opposing hill, with the valley between them.

A giant nearly ten feet tall stepped out from the Philistine line into the open, Goliath from Gath. He had a bronze helmet on his head and was