

***Sending Hymn: “What Wondrous Love Is This” (#85)**

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul, to
bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing
on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and
through eternity I’ll sing on.

***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:	Bill Grissom, Donna Komure-Toyama
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Usher:	Maurine Huang
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart



The Celebration of Worship

March 6, 2022 • First Sunday in Lent

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

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 Christine Umeda

Leader: The season of Lent sets us on a journey. The journey begins in the wilderness.

People: We follow the way of Jesus, who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Leader: Like Jesus, we are not alone. The Holy Spirit is with us to comfort and sustain us.

All: These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ. Our call is to trust in God alone, to do God’s will in all things. Guide us, holy One, as we follow You and offer You our praise.

***Opening Hymn: “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” (#281)**

Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell’s destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side; songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

** Those who can, please rise*

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Jesus fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin. As God knows our weakness, may we know God's power to save; With humility, let's confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: We come before You, O God, aware of how frayed our lives have become; we are a collection of bad moods, anxious thoughts, and half-kept promises.

People: We have not kept our eyes upon Your saving cross or listened to Your ever-loving voice. We have not accepted ourselves or those we find annoying as persons for whom You died. Forgive us.

All: Stir our hearts to sense You in every moment, and serve You at every opportunity. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: In God's abundant mercy, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to follow Him. Our Lord leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace.

All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel. 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

Christine Umeda

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Donna Komure-Toyama, Sue Lorens

Unison Prayer of Guidance

All: Now may the words of our mouths, the meditations 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.

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Prayer for Ukraine

Parkview Choir

O Great God, Eternal!
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
Freedom and light of wisdom
You shed upon her.

Enlighten us with learning and knowledge
Us, your children inspire,
In pure everlasting love to our country
You, O God, allow us to grow.

We pray to you, God almighty,
Protect our beloved Ukraine,
All your grace and bounties
To our people direct!

Grant her freedom, grant her wisdom,
Grant illumination,
Prosperity grant, O God, to the nation
And grant many, many, prosperous years!

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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.

is giving life to the world.”

They jumped at that: “Master, give us this bread, now and forever!” Jesus said, “I am the Bread of Life. The person who aligns with me hungers no more and thirsts no more, ever. I came down from heaven not to follow my own agenda but to accomplish the will of the One who sent me.

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

Time for silent reflection

***Communion Hymn: “We Come as Guests Invited” (#517)**

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
His friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
The bread of life is broken, the wine is freely poured for us,
in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on Him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our everpresent Friend.

One bread is ours for sharing, one single fruitful vine, our
fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine: Renewed,
sustained, and given by token, sign, and word, the pledge
and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

Holy Communion

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.

Japanese Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3

Mieko Davis

You shall remember all the way the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these forty years, that God might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep God’s commandments or not.

God humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with manna, something neither you nor your parents knew anything about, so you would learn that one does not live by bread alone; we live by every word that comes from God’s mouth.

1st Scripture Reading: Luke 4:1-4

Christine Umeda

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Lenten Series: Questions Jesus Asked “Why Keep Asking About Bread?” John 6:25-38

When they found Jesus back across the sea, they said, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered, “You’ve come looking for me not because you saw God in my actions but because I fed you, filled your stomachs—and for free.

“Don’t waste your energy striving for perishable food like that. Work for the food that sticks with you, food that nourishes your lasting life, food the Son of Man provides. He and what he does are guaranteed by God the Father to last.” To that they said, “Well, what do we do then to get in on God’s works?”

Jesus said, “Sign on with the One that God has sent. That kind of a commitment gets you in on God’s works.” They waffled: “Why don’t you give us a clue about who you are, just a hint of what’s going on? When we see what’s up, we’ll commit ourselves. Show us what you can do. Moses fed our ancestors with bread in the desert. It says so in the Scriptures: ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus responded, “The real significance of that Scripture is not that Moses gave you bread from heaven but that my Father is right now offering you bread from heaven, the real bread. The Bread of God came down out of heaven and