

W.O.W. is Happening Now! “Whispers of Worship”

We are now in the season of Lent (the 40 days leading up to Easter), which began on Sunday, Mar 6. It is a great time to reflect on our faith as we approach the celebration of Jesus’ resurrection on Easter. During this special season, the worship team is inviting you to share your “W.O.W.” moments from worshiping together. A W.O.W. (Whisper of Worship) might be something that struck you during the service that you’ll think about during the week. It might be a memory or a feeling or nudge that came to you. W.O.W.s can be prompted by the scripture readings, the children’s message, the music, the sermon, or they might be something that you’d never heard or thought of before. Everyone’s W.O.W.s are different and unique!

Our prayer is, that by sharing our Whispers of Worship, we’ll be drawn closer to each other and to God, and that it’ll help us all to listen more closely for those little “whispers” we might otherwise miss.

If you attend in-person worship, you’ll get a post-it note with your bulletin on which you can write a few words, a whole thought, or even doodle a picture. Afterward, we hope you’ll leave your post-it notes on a white board that will be provided, so we can share those Whispers and learn together. (It’s up to you whether you include your name or not.) If you are attending worship via Zoom, we hope you’ll share your Whispers in the Zoom chat or email them to the church office during the week, and we’ll add those to the W.O.W.s on the board.

We hope you’ll join us in trying something new during the Lenten season - what other response could there be to God’s amazing love but “WOW!”? We look forward to worshiping with you!

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The Celebration of Worship

March 13, 2022 • Second Sunday in Lent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Kishwer Vikaas
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara

Prelude Wade Tambara

*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 Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: God is our hiding place and our refuge in troubled times. Uplifted by God’s faithfulness and touched by God’s grace, we are transformed by God’s steadfast love.

People: Summoned by faith, called to receive strength and hope with a tender heart and a humble spirit, we celebrate God’s presence on our Lenten journey.

All: Lord Jesus Christ, Savior of all who trust in You, Redeemer of the world, as You gave yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Receive our grateful praise!

*Opening Hymn: “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!” (#476)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God’s power and God’s love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God’s might, O sing of God’s grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
and bright is God’s path on the wings of the storm.

** Those who can, please rise*

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power has founded of old;
Established it fast, by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor fine Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Invitation to Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Too often, when we look at our lives, what we find in our mouths are words of anger and hurt. What we find in our hearts is fear and bitterness. Let's bring our regrets and brokenness to the One who hears us, and longs to make us whole.

Prayer of Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: O God, You hope that we will live holy and healthy lives. Why, then, do we so often live fragmented, sinful, and unhealthy lives?

People: Instead of responding with kindness, we give people harsh words and dirty looks. Instead of being patient and forgiving, we criticize and gossip.

All: Forgive us, gracious God. Give us Your heart so that we can give others Your love.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: God's love is constant and sure, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

All: Thanks be to God! We believe the good news of the Gospel. 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.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Irish Blessing"

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
The rains fall soft upon your fields, and
until we meet again may God hold you
in the palm of His hand.

*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:

Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto

Online Greeter:

May Lee

Usher:

Judy Fukuman

Parking:

Dave McGill

Sound System:

Tom Tambara

Zoom Moderator:

Judy Yee

windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Kishwer Vikaas

***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**

Kishwer Vikaas

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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.

***Sending Hymn: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (#210)**

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Passing of the Peace

Kishwer Vikaas

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Hymn of Reflection: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (#562)

Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea!

O Savior, whose almighty word the wind and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep, and calm amidst its rage didst sleep:
O hear us when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea!

O Holy Spirit, Who did brood upon the chaos wild and rude, and bade
its angry tumult cease, And gave, for fierce confusion, peace: O hear us
when we cry to Thee for those in peril on the sea.

O Trinity of love and power, all travelers guard in danger's hour; from
rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go: Thus
evermore shall rise to Thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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.

Japanese Reading: Isaiah 41:13

Haruko Sakakibara

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you,
'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"

1st Scripture Reading: Luke 14:27

Kishwer Vikaas

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do
I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Lenten Series. Questions Jesus Asked: "Why Are You Afraid?"

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across
to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with
them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great