

## In Appreciation:

Greeters: Carla Hart, Cathy Nishizaki  
Online Greeter: May Lee  
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Jonathan Sakakibara  
Parking: Gary Younglove  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Zoom Moderator: Lois Van Beers  
Altar Flowers: Maurine Huang, in memory of  
her step-brother, Don Price



## The Celebration of Worship

April 3, 2022 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge  
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** Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Creator of Springtime splendor,

**People: Bring us increasing light, we pray.**

Leader: Life-giver,

**People: Take away our numbness and grief, we pray.**

Leader: Refresher of dry, drifting lives,

**All: We gather with expectation, yearning to experience Your majestic holiness as we worship. We will share Your goodness and glory with all the world.**

### \*Opening Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#455)

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,

Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

Ye lights of evening, find a voice!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*\* Those who can, please rise*

Thou fertile earth, that day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on your way, O sing ye! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them God's glory also show!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on God cast your care!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We can be impatient, critical and irritable people. But God, who is gracious and kind, comes to transform us into the people we are meant to be. Let's open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

### Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: God, help us get honest with ourselves and with You. We know that our sin is real, but Your grace is even more powerful.

**People: Purify all our thoughts, words, and actions that dishonor You. Make us holy as You are holy.**

**All: As we worship, draw us near to You with reverent and teachable hearts, for the glory and honor of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Believe the Good News of the Gospel:  
God's love is constant and reliable, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

**All: Thanks be to God who gives forgiveness for our failures and the freedom of new beginnings. 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.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Betsy Eskridge

### 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: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (#466)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ speaks, and listening to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

### \*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.)*

### Postlude

Janet Hill

*We invite you to remain seated during the Postlude as we enjoy the music and God's presence together. If you need to go, please feel free to do so. Go with God's blessings.*

## Sermon and 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Lenten Series: Questions Jesus Asked - "I Am the Resurrection and the Life-Do You Believe This?"

John 11:1-45 Readers:

Donna Komure-Toyama

Haruko Sakibara

Jonathan Sakakibara

Titus Toyama

## Musical Offering

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection*

## Choir Anthem

"Here at Thy Table, 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.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

## Opportunity To Present Offerings

Betsy Eskridge

## \*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.**

## Passing of the Peace

Betsy Eskridge

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: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" (#403)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?

We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?

Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou will find a solace there.

## 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: John 5:21

Haruko Sakakibara

For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son also gives life to whom He wishes.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:11-14

Betsy Eskridge

Then God said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Listen to what they're saying: 'Our bones are dried up, our hope is gone, there's nothing left of us.'

"Therefore, prophesy. Tell them, 'God says: I'll dig up your graves and bring you out alive—O my people! Then I'll take you straight to the land of Israel. When I dig up graves and bring you out as my people, you'll realize that I am God. I'll breathe my life into you and you'll live. Then I'll lead you straight back to your land and you'll realize that I am God. I've said it and I'll do it, declares the Lord.'"