

## In Appreciation:

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their beloved son, Kevin



## The Celebration of Worship

April 17, 2022 • Easter Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Kishwer Vikaas  
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.**

### Easter Greeting

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Leader: We begin our worship service today with the greeting the Church has proclaimed for centuries on Easter morning. Christ is Risen!

**People: Christ is Risen indeed!**

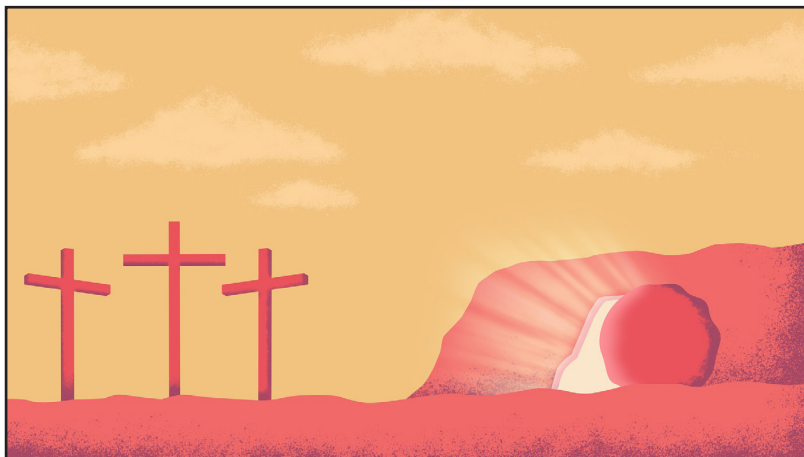
### \*Opening Hymn: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (#123)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as God's love; Alleluia!  
Praise our God ye heavenly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!



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*\* Those who can, please rise*

## Welcome/Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## Invitation to Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: In raising Jesus from the grave God shattered the power of sin and death and offered salvation to the whole world. But we remain captive to doubt and fear and shame. Trusting God's power to change our lives and make us new, let's confess our sin to God.

## Prayer of Confession

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain You.

**People: Emptier of tombs, in this season of hallelujahs, we confess how broken we are.**

Leader: When our faith sees no further than dead ends and an empty tomb, forgive us.

**People: Lord of life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that enslaves us: greed, envy, addictions, bitterness, and hopelessness.**

**All: Holy God, through the power of Jesus' resurrection, change our lives, and use us to transform the world. That all of creation may be filled with the abundant life of our Risen Lord.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

## Assurance of God's Grace

Kishwer Vikaas

Leader: All creation shouts the good news of resurrection. Dogwoods and azaleas nod their yes to the heavens, springtime birds offer their songs of praise. To God be the glory, great things God has done!

**All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, 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

Kishwer Vikaas

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

**All: And also with you.**

## Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## Choir Anthem

"Hallelujah! Resurrection Day!" by Larry Shackley

## 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: "The Day of Resurrection!" (#118)

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own, "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

## \*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

Haruko Sakakibara

*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

“Heavenquake”

Matthew 28:1-10

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

## Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection*

## Opportunity To Present Offerings

Kishwer Vikaas

**All: Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One. Give thanks because God’s given Jesus Christ, God’s Son. (Repeat) And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.**

## \*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

## Hymn of Reflection: “Thine Is the Glory” (#122)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.  
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

*Refrain (last time only)*

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o’er death has won.

## 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: 1 Peter 1:3

Miyo Uchida

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-6

Kishwer Vikaas

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen.”