

Postlude

Wade Tambara

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.

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Maurine Huang, Gary Younglove
Parking: TBD
Sound System: Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator: Lori Hart
Altar Flowers: Kenneth Okawara
in memory of his wife, Maki



*For Our Mothers
For Those Who Nurture Us*



The Celebration of Worship

May 8, 2022 • Mother's Day

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

O Divine Companion, you call us to this place where we feel loved and welcomed and call it home. You invite us into this church where we meet kindred spirits and call them friends. Here and now, help us to let go of worry and anxiety and open ourselves to Your caring Spirit. God, our perfect Parent, we come home to You and gratefully offer ourselves to You in praise and service. Amen.

Prelude

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*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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Come home, home to God's embrace.

People: We have come home to worship, to hear of God's amazing grace, to find God's guidance, to respond to God's call.

Leader: Surrounded by springtime splendor, let us joyfully sing praises to our God!

All: We thank God, source of all beauty and goodness, as we worship our Risen Lord!

*Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

** Those who can, please rise*

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Invitation to Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Trusting in God's powerful promise of forgiveness which calls us all to a change of heart, let's bring our whole lives to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Dear Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, you came into the world to heal the brokenness in the human family and throughout all creation.

People: Heal our relationships and infuse our lives with grace and gratitude. Restore our sense of belonging to each other.

All: Deepen our ability to trust and believe that Your love is enough: For transformation. For comfort. For building the world You desire.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: God's love and forgiveness are powerful reminders of who God is. You are no longer alone. You are God's Beloved.

All: Forgiven, redeemed, and made whole, we are made one family in faith. 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.

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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#376)**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

***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.)

Jeremiah 31:20. "Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a delightful child? Indeed, as often as I have spoken against him, I certainly still remember him; Therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him," declares the Lord.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Easter Encounters: Jesus and Salome"

Matthew 20:20-28

Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Jonathan Sakakibara

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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Passing of the Peace

Jonathan Sakakibara

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Choir Anthem

"Down to the Water to Pray"

Arranged by Pepper Chopin

Hymn of Reflection: "Open My Eyes That I May See" (#324)

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth Thou has for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.

Refrain. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth Thou sendest clear; and while the notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.

Refrain. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with Thy children thus to share.

Refrain. Silently now I wait for Thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see; Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

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 Corinthians 13:13

Mieko Davis

So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1st Scripture Reading:

Jonathan Sakakibara

Jeremiah 31:3. The Lord appeared to them from afar, saying, "I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore I have drawn you with lovingkindness."