

In Appreciation:

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Crop Walk Today!

11:30 am
Meet in front of the church



The Celebration of Worship

May 22, 2022 • 6th Sunday of Easter

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson
Worship Leader: Dave McGill
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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. Kim Nelson

Call to Worship

Dave McGill

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, the One who sang a new melody as God's Creation rose from chaos, who wept at the dark shadow of a cross, and who danced early in the morning, at the opening of an empty tomb.

People: Come, Holy Spirit, the One who could not be contained by wind, or flame, or breath, the One who blesses the Church with courage, peace, and love.

All: Come, Holy Spirit, the One who fills us with God's Life as we bring God our grateful praise.

*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (#485)

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory: great things he has done!

** Those who can, please rise*

Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: God gave God's only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption. By Jesus' glorious resurrection God delivers us from sin and the choices we make that degrade our humanity. Aware of God's great love for us, let's seek God's mercy as we confess our sins.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain You. We confess how broken we are. Call to hope and new life all that is dead or despairing within us.

People: We may not intentionally hurt others, but we have failed to do good when we had the chance. Forgive us the damage we have done, and fill us with the joy of Your Spirit.

All: You have shown us Your power, O Jesus, by taking on our weakness; Help us to live in Your love and bring Your care and compassion to all.

Time for silent reflection and confession

Assurance of God's Grace

Dave McGill

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, who gives us new life, believe the good news of the gospel.

All: Thanks be to God! 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.

Passing of the Peace

Dave McGill

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

***Sending Hymn: "Christ Is Alive!" (#108)**

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

***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

Nancy Arata-Fong

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.

“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Dave McGill

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**

Dave McGill

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

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.

Hymn of Reflection: “I Love You, Lord” (#627 GtG)

Sing twice

I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what You hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

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 14:16-17

Michael Wright

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 67

Dave McGill

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, (Selah)

All: that Your way may be known upon earth, Your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

All: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Selah)

Leader: Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You.

All: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

Leader: May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere God.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

“Human Confusion Yet God’s Clarity”

John 14:23-29

Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.