



## The Celebration of Worship

May 29, 2022 Ascension Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Phillip Chew  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai

### Prelude

Janet Hill

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*O God of earth and sky, as Jesus came among us in Bethlehem to raise us up to heaven, we recall His departing at Jerusalem to be in all places. Though He is hidden from our sight, enable us to abide in Him by the power and grace of the Holy Spirit, until His mercy and grace fill your whole creation. Amen.*

- From "The Daily Office: A Book of Hours for Daily Prayer"

### \*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

Phillip Chew

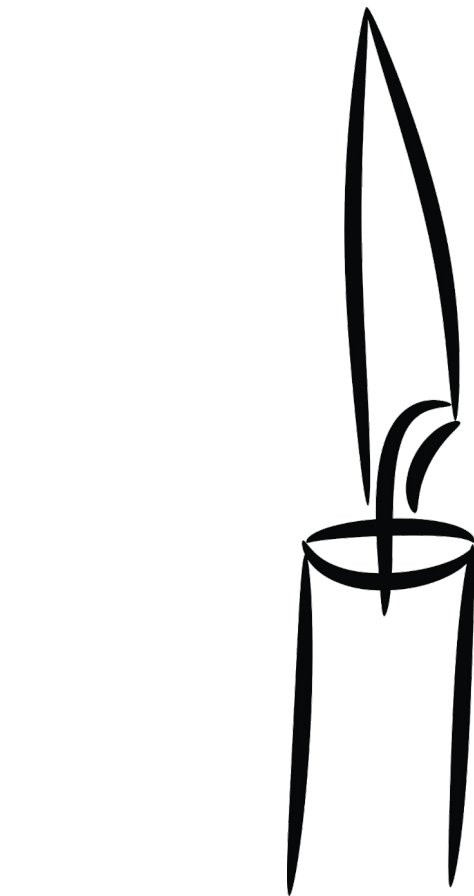
Leader: O God, you have glorified our Savior with a triumphant resurrection from the dead and ascension into heaven, where He sits at your right hand.

**People: Our Lord Jesus Christ has ascended to the throne of heaven and now rules over all things as King of glory.**

**Unison: Blessed are You, O Christ. You have ascended to your place with God Most High, yet by Your Spirit, You remain with us forever. We praise You, our Lord and KING!**

### \*Opening Hymn: "Rejoice, the Lord is King!" (#155)

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!



*And there will be no more night;  
they need no light of lamp or sun,  
For the Lord God will be their light . . . .  
(Revelation 22:5)*

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\* Those who can, please rise

God's kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come to glorify the saints to their eternal home: Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice, again, I say, rejoice!

### Invitation to Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: God knows the brokenness of our lives. God listens when we share our longings and regrets. Trusting God's grace and power to change us, let's tell God how it is with us.

### Prayer of Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: Almighty God, you raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all.

**People: We confess that we have not acknowledged His rule in our lives. We go along with the toxic ways of the world and fail to give Him glory. Forgive us.**

**All: Strengthen our trust that His reign will be proclaimed in our lives and in our world. We pray through Christ who is Head of the Church, Whose body we are. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Phillip Chew

Leader: Jesus Christ came into the world so that we might be dead to sin and alive to all that is good. From the darkness of death God has raised Him to the right hand of God's majesty on high.

**People: As we watch and wait for Jesus' return, may we follow where He leads us, for He is Lord forever.**

**All: 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.**

### Passing of the Peace

Phillip Chew

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

**All: And also with you.**

### \*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.*

### In Appreciation:

Greeters:

Julie Howe, Wade Tambara

Online Greeter:

May Lee

Ushers:

Tak Fukuman, Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking:

Russ Hart

Sound System:

Dave McGill

Zoom Moderator:

Judy Yee

Altar Flowers:

Steve & Janet Hill

## Opportunity To Present Offerings

Phillip Chew

**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

Phillip Chew

## 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: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (#151)

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne; Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him as the matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of love; behold His hands and side, Rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round His pierced feet fair flowers of Paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown Him the Lord of years, the potentate of time; Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me; Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## Choir Anthem

## Hymn of Reflection: "Abide with Me" (#543)

*Sing verses 1, 3, 4 and 5*

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide! When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour; What but Thy grace can foil the Tempter's power? Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless: ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness. Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies: Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

## 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: Psalm 47: 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7a

Aki Kumagai

Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet. Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the king of all the earth.

**1st Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:16-23**

Phillip Chew

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised Him from the dead and seated Him at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made Him the head over all things for the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.

**Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Ascension Sunday: "In the Meantime"

Acts 1:6-11

So when they had come together, they asked Him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' Jesus replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When Jesus had said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While He was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw Him go into heaven.'

**Musical Offering**

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection***Memorial Candle Lighting**

Pastor and Congregation

*Teruko Wright*Beloved PPC Member &  
Mother of Terry Wright*Daisy Seto*Beloved PPC Member &  
Aunt of Terri Bowman*Evelyn Hart*Beloved Mother of  
Russ Hart*John W. Todd*Beloved father of  
Sarah Nave*Sanae Uchida*Beloved Father of  
Miyo Uchida*William "Pop" Woody*Beloved Father of  
Diane Younglove*Arthur Kaufman*Beloved Uncle of  
Maurine Huang*Don Price*Beloved Step Brother of  
Maurine Huang*Mary Umeda Kawanishi*Beloved Aunt of  
Stan Umeda