

***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

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:	Judy Fukuman, Jana Nakase-Lee
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Judy Fukuman, Maurine Huang
Parking:	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Pattie Hashimoto



The Celebration of Worship

June 12, 2022 • Pride Sunday

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

Centering Prayer for Worship

Gracious God, you chose a rainbow as a sign of hope for the future of humanity and life on Earth. We praise you for the way the atmosphere during rain works together to create something as beautiful and bright as a rainbow. Thank you for the reds, oranges, yellows, greens, blues, indigos, and violets of the arcs of color across the sky. Bless you for the other colors of nature, the browns, blacks, whites, silvers, and golds. Like the colors all around us, may we reflect some small measure of the breadth of your grace to all the world. Amen.

- from Open and Affirming website

Prelude

Wade Tambara

***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: We gather together to celebrate God's presence in our lives and in our world.

People: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with faith and peace.

Leader: We gather in God's presence to find comfort for our pain and hope to share with the world.

People: God's grace permeates our hearts and knits us together as family.

All: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God with joy.

** Those who can, please rise*

***Opening Hymn: “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (#343)**

Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end

Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ’s mission, in a small or global sense, help us bear each other’s burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

Invitation to Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: When we offer our confession to God, we join the ongoing work of reconciliation, which begins with our being reconciled with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let’s bring our faults and failings to God.

Prayer of Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: God of tender mercies, we admit that sometimes we don’t know what to do with ourselves. Some days we feel lonely, discouraged or depressed.

People: God, who made us all in Your image, teach us to love ourselves as You love us. Help us to see Your image in all those we meet.

All: Lord, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts and our planet, torn apart by unkindness and selfishness; For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us. Forgive us for the ways we have harmed Your holy intentions for all creation.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Phillip Chew

Leader: God is in our past, forgiving us. God is present with us now, our strength and comfort. And God will be with us in the days to come, empowering us to love.

***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: “Help Us Trace Your Rainbow Colors”**

(Sing to the tune of “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”)

Help us trace your rainbow colors through these days of change and choice, holding firmly to your promise: all the world can praise, rejoice. Different faces, different voices, differences that make us strong; living all as one together, knowing that we all belong.

In a world of contradictions let your justice change our ways, then with mercy, fire, compassion, let no bias mar our praise. Let us nurture fresh expressions, different ways of being church, sharing love and understanding, joining people in their search.

Let us go with common purpose, though distinctive from our birth; welcome all to share our vision, go as one to all the earth. Through diversity and difference, rainbow colors of our race, let us share without distinction, God’s demanding, loving grace.

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Isaiah 55:12

“So go out in joy, be led into a whole and complete life. The mountains and hills will lead the parade, bursting with song. All the trees of the forest will join the procession, exuberant with applause.”

1st Scripture Reading: Galatians 3:25-28

Phillip Chew

(The Message)

But now you have arrived at your destination: By faith in Christ you are in direct relationship with God. Your baptism in Christ was not just washing you up for a fresh start. It also involved dressing you in an adult faith wardrobe—Christ’s life, the fulfillment of God’s original promise.

Christ’s family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“A Song of Restoration”

Zephaniah 3:9-16-17

“In the end I will turn things around for the people. I’ll give them a language undistorted, unpolluted, words to address GOD in worship and, united, to serve me with their shoulders to the wheel. They’ll come praying— All my scattered, exiled people will come home with offerings for worship. I’ll leave a core of people among you who are poor in spirit— What’s left of Israel that’s really Israel. They’ll make their home in GOD. This core holy people will not do wrong. They won’t lie, won’t use words to flatter or seduce. Content with who they are and where they are, unanxious, they’ll live at peace.” * * * So sing, Daughter Zion! Raise your voices, Israel! Daughter Jerusalem, be happy! Celebrate! GOD has reversed GOD’s judgments against you and sent your enemies off chasing their tails. From now on, GOD is Israel’s king, in charge at the center. There’s nothing to fear from evil ever again! Jerusalem will be told: “Don’t be afraid. Dear Zion, don’t despair. Your GOD is present among you, a strong Warrior there to save you. Happy to have you back, God will calm you with love and delight you with songs.”

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

*Time for silent reflection***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.

All: We believe the good news of the gospel. 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

Phillip Chew

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

All: And also with you.**Children’s Message**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Celebrate 2022 Grads and Parkview Musicians

Hymn of Reflection: “Help Us Accept Each Other” (#358)*(Sing to the tune of ‘The Church’s One Foundation’)*

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice Your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter’s healing art.

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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: Jeremiah 29:11

Mieko Davis

For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.