

## 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.*

## In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Pattie Hashimoto, Luda Wright
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Usher:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Kishwer Vikaas



*Kiyochika Kobayashi "Fireflies at Ochanomizu" (1880)*



## The Celebration of Worship

June 26, 2022 • 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright

## Centering Prayer for Worship

*Light-giving God: our praises spring up like flowers on a summer day; our songs of joy are lifted to you; our hearts overflow with your kindness and generosity. As we worship, move within us and reshape us into your beloved children, living within that circle of blessing called the Kingdom. 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

Steve Hanway

Leader: Creator of all, we join our hearts and minds with the people of Earth. We recognize the deep bond that we have with each created being.

**People: Divine Oneness, we celebrate the goodness, the beauty, the talents, and the spirituality of all our brothers and sisters in the world. We stand in solidarity with all who suffer in any way.**

**All: Rekindle our love, revitalize our compassion, reduce our hostility, deepen our respect, and renew our awareness of the unity we share with all beings. Amen.**

## \*Opening Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living" (#554)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

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\* Those who can, please rise

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing with glad adoration, a song let us raise: till all things now living unite in thanksgiving: to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. There is nothing we have done, and nothing we will ever do, that is enough to separate us from the love of God made known in God's Son. Trusting that we can be fully forgiven, let's bring our brokenness to God in confession.

### Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: Creator God, you smile upon the diversity and beauty in humanity whom you have created, but you weep at the great divide between the rich and the poor.

**People: Help us to make good decisions about our daily living so that what we do has a positive effect on all who live on Earth.**

**Leader: Give us wisdom and reverence as we use the resources of nature, so that no one suffers from our abuse of them, and that generations to come may praise you for your bounty;**

**All: Holy God, we belong to you, but so do people of differing faiths from all cultures and nations. Cleanse us from arrogance and remind us that there are others with whom we can join our spirits, to bring your soul-changing love to all.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Steve Hanway

Leader: Believe that God has come among us, that God surrounds and sustains us with Everlasting Love.

**People: Believe that Christ has taken your burden, and you are not alone in the world.**

**All: We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### \*Prayer of Dedication

Steve Hanway

### 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: "Live Into Hope" (#332)

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight restored, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee.

Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our own God brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

### \*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.)*

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then Jesus began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

### Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"The Power of Proximity"

Luke 10:1-11 *The Message*

Later the Master selected seventy and sent them ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he intended to go. He gave them this charge: "What a huge harvest! And how few the harvest hands. So on your knees; ask the God of the Harvest to send harvest hands. On your way! But be careful—this is hazardous work. You're like lambs in a wolf pack. Travel light. Comb and toothbrush and no extra luggage. Don't loiter and make small talk with everyone you meet along the way. When you enter a home, greet the family, 'Peace.' If your greeting is received, then it's a good place to stay. But if it's not received, take it back and get out. Don't impose yourself. Stay at one home, taking your meals there, for a worker deserves three square meals. Don't move from house to house, looking for the best cook in town. When you enter a town and are received, eat what they set before you, heal anyone who is sick, and tell them, 'God's kingdom is right on your doorstep!' When you enter a town and are not received, go out in the street and say, 'The only thing we got from you is the dirt on our feet, and we're giving it back. Did you have any idea that God's kingdom was right on your doorstep?'"

### Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*Time for silent reflection*

### Opportunity To Present Offerings

Steve Hanway

**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.**

### \*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

Steve Hanway

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

**All: And also with you.**

### Children's Message

Sue Lorens

### Hymn of Reflection: "Be Thou My Vision" (#339)

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

### 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 73:28

Michael Wright

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all Your works.

### 1st Scripture Reading: Luke 4:16-21

Steve Hanway

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."