

***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. 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

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: Haruko Sakakibara, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Maurine Huang, William Yee
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Sound System: Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee
Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura
In Memory of their Son, Kevin



The Celebration of Worship

July 10, 2022 • 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor: Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

God of the universe, we have sensed Your majestic presence in the world and in our lives. As we worship, help us to encounter You, to hear You, to welcome Your presence as You welcome each one of us. Fill us with Your Spirit as we worship you, so that we may fulfill Your holy purpose of taking care of the world and of each other. Amen.

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. Kim Nelson

Call to Worship

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

People: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of partnering with God to bring God's kingdom in fullness.

All: We will walk lightly on this good earth and treasure the natural world God has made. We sing praises to our holy Creator, God of justice, love and peace!

***Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (#138)**

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

** Those who can, please rise*

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee, thou the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invitation to Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: In quietness and darkness, in peace and confusion, Jesus Christ wants to make his home with us. Let's bring all the worries that are weighing us down and ask Him to bless us with grace and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Gracious God, we assume that we deserve a comfortable life, but believe poor choices produce misery for those around us. We welcome others' kindness, but have little patience for those who annoy us or need our help. Soften our hard hearts.

People: We like to be noticed for the good we do, but forget to thank you for all you have given us. Forgive us. May your mercy fall on us like a summer shower on parched grass; may your hope overflow our hearts;

All: In your great compassion, forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and guide what we will be, so that we may partner with you in caring for all creation. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: God's love is more durable than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our grief; God's love is more powerful than our shame.

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.

likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend." Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

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

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.

1st Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

Jonathan Sakakibara

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

"That's Not What I Expected"

Luke 10:25-3

An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So

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. Kim Nelson

Hymn of Reflection: "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,

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 Thy church that evermore lifeth holy hands above, offering up on
every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

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

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: Romans 12:2

Mieko Davis

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."