

In Appreciation:

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Altar Flowers Jul 10: In Memory of their Son, Kevin
Haruko Sakakibara



*In Appreciation of the Parkview Choir
At Choir Retreat July 15 -17*



The Celebration of Worship

July 17, 2022 • 6th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

O Holy Spirit, Divine Companion, we gather in response to your gracious invitation. We are here to worship and to grow closer to God and to each other. We are here to listen, to receive help, to learn. Heal our wounds as You sing the song of Your love deep within us. Fill us so that we might be true followers of Jesus. Amen.

-Adapted from SOULfeast

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

*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

Carla Hart

Leader: Bless the Lord for the earth God has made, the seas and skies, forests and fields,

People: All show Your goodness and glory, awesome Creator. Reveal the power of Your majesty to us.

Leader: Here and now God is among us, beside us, inside us, empowering us for the purposes of heaven.

All: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ. Receive our grateful praise, Lord of all the earth!!

*Opening Hymn: "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

(#262)

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

** Those who can, please rise*

Thy love divine has lead us in the past; in this free land by Thee our lot is cast; be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase; Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh Thy people on their toilsome way, lead us from night to never-ending day; fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: The deep longing of our hearts is to be forgiven and embraced by our God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole. Join me as we pray.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: We have doubted Your love and provision for us, O God, hoarding what we have, always grasping for more. Forgive us.

People: We stumble in the darkness of life's suffering, forgetting to carry Your hope with us. Have mercy on us, God of patience.

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. For the sake of our Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: Take heart in God's gracious mercy to all.

People: Through God's gift of grace in Christ, our sins are forgiven, our life is restored, and love becomes our guide through life.

All: 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.

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: "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" (#210)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

*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

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.

Jesus said, “What a generation! No sense of God! How many times do I have to go over these things? How much longer do I have to put up with this? Bring the boy here.” They brought him. When the demon saw Jesus, it threw the boy into a seizure, causing him to writhe on the ground and foam at the mouth. Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has this been going on?” “Ever since he was a little boy. Many times it pitches him into fire or the river to do away with him. If you can do anything, do it. Have a heart and help us!” Jesus said, “If you can? All things are possible to those who believe.”

Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon Series: Three Essential Prayers - “Help”

Mark 9:24-29

No sooner were the words out of Jesus’ mouth than the father cried, “Then I believe. Help me with my doubts!” Seeing that the crowd was forming fast, Jesus gave the vile spirit its marching orders: “Dumb and deaf spirit, I command you— Out of him, and stay out!” Screaming, and with much thrashing about, it left. The boy was pale as a corpse, so people started saying, “He’s dead.”

But Jesus, taking his hand, raised him. The boy stood up. After arriving back home, his disciples cornered Jesus and asked, “Why couldn’t we throw the demon out?” He answered, “There is no way to get rid of this kind of demon except by prayer.”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Carla Hart

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

Carla Hart

Passing of the Peace

Carla Hart

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

All: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Hymn of Reflection: “In My Life” (#468 GtG)

In my life, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified; be glorified.

In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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 118: 1,5

Aki Kumagai

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good, God’s lovingkindness is everlasting. From my distress I called to God; The Lord answered me and set me in a spacious place. The Lord is at my side and I’m not afraid; who would dare lay a hand on me?

1st Scripture Reading: Mark 9:14-23

Carla Hart

When they came back down the mountain to the other disciples, they saw a huge crowd around them, and the religious scholars cross-examining them. As soon as the people in the crowd saw Jesus, admiring excitement stirred them. They ran and greeted him. He asked, “What’s going on? What’s all the commotion?”

A man out of the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought my mute son, made speechless by a demon, to you. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and goes stiff as a board. I told your disciples, hoping they could deliver him, but they couldn’t.”