

Refrain

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing, sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin;

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

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***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 Nancy Arata-Fong

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: Miko Kumagai, Wade Tambara

Online Greeter: May Lee

Ushers: Tak Fukuman, Jonathan Sakakibara

Parking: Russ Hart

Sound System: Dave McGill

Zoom Moderator: Aki Kumagai

Altar Flowers: Cathy Nishizaki

In Memory of her husband, Terry Nishizaki



The Celebration of Worship

July 31, 2022 • 8th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

God of love and mercy, we come to you in the brilliance of a summer morning to sing your praise and worship you. We thank you for your presence with us and in all creation. Fill us with your power, that by truthful words, just and kind actions, and shared life we may witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

***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 Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Almighty God, on that first day, when time began: You gave birth to creation; light danced through the cosmos; and the waters of hope flowed freely.

All: On this first day of the week, when we begin anew: You call us to faithfulness, as we open our hearts to worship You, glorious King of creation.

***Opening Hymn: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” (#288)**

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

** Those who can, please rise*

I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known; and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne; while all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Invitation to Confession Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: We come before God not through our own goodness, but through God's great mercy to us. Let's talk to God about the ways we've messed up, as we admit we need God's help for our brokenness. Trusting in God's ability to set us free from the devastating effects of sin and shame, let's turn to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Gracious God, You have given each of us life and invited us to live abundantly. But sometimes we neglect to appreciate the Earth home You have given us.

People: Forgive us, Gracious God, when we rush past a vivid sunset or a starry night sky; when we pass a towering crape myrtle tree and forget to give You glory.

Leader: Forgive us, Lord of Creation, when we obscure the splendor of Your presence rather than making it more visible to the eyes of those around us.

All: Give us a heart like Jesus' heart, a heart that took delight in simplicity and beauty, a heart moved by compassion towards the sick and vulnerable, a heart with great room in it, a heart fixed on you. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Scripture declares that our God is full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy and always ready to forgive.

People: We turn from all that is not love and cling to Christ, as we experience the gift of a heart made new.

All: Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Porch to see it for themselves, and they were amazed at what had happened to him.

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings Donna Komure-Toyama

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**

Donna Komure-Toyama

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: "How Great Thou Art" (#467)**

Oh Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain. Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

For You, O Lord, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 8 Donna Komure-Toyama

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!
You have set Your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants You have established strength because of Your adversaries, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars that You have established; what are human beings that You are mindful of them, mortals that You care for them?

Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. You have made them to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under their feet; all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes through the paths of the seas.

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Sermon and 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon Series: Three Essential Prayers - "Wow"

Acts 3:1-11

One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for a prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them.

Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked.

The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing. The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon's

***Response to God's Forgiveness**

All Sing: 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 Donna Komure-Toyama

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message Rev. Dwight Nave

Choir Song

"He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray

Hymn of Reflection: "God of the Sparrow" (#272)

Sing verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

God of the sparrow God of the whale God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the ages God near at hand God of the loving heart

How do your children say Joy

How do your children say Home

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 92:1, 4 Aki Kumagai

It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your loving kindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night,