

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:	Jerry Champa, Carla Hart
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*Join us next Sunday
for our
Aloha Celebration!*



The Celebration of Worship

August 21, 2022 • 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Preacher:	Dr. Stephen Moon
Worship Leader:	Titus Toyama
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader:	Miyo Uchida

Centering Prayer for Worship

Most Holy God, we await the touch of Your Spirit with eagerness. Every moment, You invite us to breathe in Your goodness and grace. Please enter our lives today, refreshing and renewing and transforming us with the power of Your loving Spirit, that we may live with purpose and courage like Jesus did. 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

Titus Toyama

Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: God exists in community, and we are invited to be in community together.

People: When we affirm and welcome a variety of expressions of faith, it deepens our understanding of God and of each other.

Leader: As we worship God, may we grow in faith and love, so that we may be worthy of God's call upon our lives.

All: May our worship today bring God joy, that all the world may know of God's grace and live in God's love.

*Opening Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

* Those who can, please rise

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Invitation to Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: Sometimes we make mistakes that end up damaging us or our relationships. And other times, we deliberately say and do harmful things that hurt ourselves, hurt others, and hurt God. Let's tell God the ways we've messed up, and ask God to forgive us and heal our brokenness.

Prayer of Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: God, our understandings and preferences are shaped by our cultures. We confess that our experience of You is limited when we see You through only one cultural perspective.

People: Deepen our understanding of You when we come together, as disciples of Jesus Christ, in all of our differences and diversities.

All: Forgive us for ignoring systemic racism and soul-crushing poverty. Empower us by your Spirit to address inequality and seek justice so that all may thrive.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Titus Toyama

Leader: What abundant kindness and healing love God provides! Gifts of the earth that remind us how much we are cherished, how God deeply loves all the world.

People: God of new beginnings, we are grateful for Your gift of forgiveness offered to all who will receive Your grace.

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

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Dr. Stephen Moon

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: "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.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

***Benediction**

Dr. Stephen Moon

***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.)

1st Scripture Reading: Acts 2:46-47

Titus Toyama

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Dr. Stephen Moon

“God’s Transformative Church”

Ezekiel 36:25-28

I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

*Time for silent reflection***Opportunity To Present Offerings**

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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**

Titus Toyama

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**

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Joys & Concerns

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***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

Titus Toyama

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

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

Dr. Stephen Moon

Hymn of Reflection: “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound!” (#280)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, we have already come; ‘Tis grace has brought us safe thus far, and grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

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: Luke 4:18-19

Miyo Uchida

“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 set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”