



*Please join us in the courtyard
after worship service for Aloha music by*

Nisei Post 8985 Ukulele Group

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The Celebration of Worship

August 28, 2022 • Aloha Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jana Nakase-Lee
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Worship

O God, thank You for this day of life. For eyes to see the sky, for ears to hear the birds, for feet to walk across the yard or a parking lot, for a mind to think about and appreciate the wonder of everyday miracles, for a spirit to swell in joy at Your mighty presence everywhere. Thank You God for everything. Amen.

- adapted from a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman

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

Titus Toyama

Call to Worship

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Eternal God, Your touch makes this world holy. O Lord, how many are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all; the earth is full of Your creatures.

People: Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life.

All: We bring a song of praise and thanksgiving to our awesome Creator God.

*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.

* Those who can, please rise

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.

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 oceans 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

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: The world and all that is in it belongs to God, and we have been charged with its care. Sometimes we have faithfully cared for the earth, and sometimes we have neglected its care or contributed to waste and misuse. Let's pray to God to confess our faults and failings.

Prayer of Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Holy One, Creator of all that is, help us to be mindful of the earth and all its resources. Help us to remember the love You have for creation, the willingness You have for all creation to be redeemed.

People: Holy God, we are distracted, our lives are fragmented. We confess that we have become alienated from Earth and viewed wild spaces as little more than tourist spots; hills for mineral excavation, rivers for hydroelectric power.

Leader: We have polluted groundwater with chemicals and rivers with factory waste. We have paved over indigenous peoples' lands and creatures' habitats to build gas stations. Forgive us, O God.

All: Thank you, God, for wild worlds to make us wonder. Teach us to love and protect Earth as our home. Guide us to partner with You in caring for all creation. For the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Gracious God, nourished at a picnic in Your garden of grace, our shredded souls are anointed with Your healing;

All: God's grace heals our wounds and blesses our world with ever-renewing redemption. We believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Sending Hymn: "I've Got Peace like a River" (GtG #623)

I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul. I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river; I've got peace like a river, in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul. I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain; I've got joy like a fountain, in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul. I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean; I've got love like an ocean, in my soul.

*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.

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Michael Wright, Gary Younglove
Parking: Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers: Dave McGill
Sound System: Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Jerry & Maurine Huang

In celebration of their 54th wedding anniversary

1st Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-16 Jana Nakase-Lee

Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers- all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
“Caring for Creation”

Psalm 24:1-2

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

Musical Offering Haruko Sakakibara
Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings Jana Nakase-Lee
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** Jana Nakase-Lee
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** Jana Nakase-Lee

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.

***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 Jana Nakase-Lee

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: “For Beauty of Meadows”

Sing to the tune of “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise” (#263)

For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees,
for flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas,
for all you created and gave us to share,
we praise You, Creator, extolling your care.

As stewards of beauty received at Your hand,
as creatures who hear Your most urgent command,
we turn from our wasteful destruction of life,
confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace;
all nature around us is ours but on lease;
Your name we would hallow in all that we do,
fulfilling our calling, creating with You.

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 96:11-12 Michael Wright

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and all it contains; Let the field exalt, and all that is in it, then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy before the Lord.