

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Refrain.*

### 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

Janet Hill

*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:	Luda Wright, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Miyo Uchida



## The Celebration of Worship

September 25, 2022 • 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Liam Wright
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*O God, we thank you for making the animals to brighten our lives. Help us to save them from danger as Noah did. Help us to love them and care for them as St. Francis did. And when we see the animals that you have made, help us to remember that you are worthy of praise. In the name of the Father (who thought up the giraffe and the zebra) and of the Son (who was named after the beautiful Lamb) and the Holy Spirit (who came to us as a Dove). Amen.*

### Prelude

Janet Hill

### \*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 (adapted from Psalm 148)

Liam Wright

Leader: Praise God from the heavens!

**People: Praise God from the skies above!**

Leader: Praise God, angels and all the hosts of heaven!

**People: Praise God, sun and moon, and shining stars!**

Leader: Praise God, all creatures great and small,

**People: Praise God, animals and birds, reptiles and fish!**

All: Let all creation praise the Lord! Let us worship God!

### \*Opening Hymn: “All Creatures of Our God and King” (#455)

All creatures of our God and King,

Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam,

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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*\* Those who can, please rise*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O sing ye!  
Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on God cast your care!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All creatures, your Creator bless,  
And worship God in humbleness. O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Invitation to Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. As we recognize our mutual interdependence with God's creatures, we commit ourselves to love and care for all creation. Let's ask God's Spirit to lead us as we confess the ways we fall short of God's intentions for our lives . . . .

### Prayer of Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: Into your "very good" creation 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 our pet who is waiting for a pat on the head; when we see a beautiful hummingbird and neglect 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 more ready to serve than be served, a heart moved by compassion for vulnerable people and animals, a heart fixed on You. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

**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

Liam Wright

**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

Liam Wright

### 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#276)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not,  
As thou hast been thou forever will be.

*Refrain.* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand has provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

*Refrain.*

### 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: Job 12:7-10

Michael Wright

"But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In God's hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all humanity."

### 1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:20-25

Liam Wright

*(The Message)*

God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life! Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!" God created the huge whales, all the swarm of life in the waters, and every kind and species of flying birds. God saw that it was good.

God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill the Ocean! Birds, reproduce on Earth!" It was evening, it was morning— Day Five.

God spoke: "Earth, generate life! Every sort and kind: cattle and reptiles and wild animals—all kinds." And there it was: wild animals of every kind, Cattle of all kinds, every sort of reptile and bug. God saw that it was good.

### Sermon & 2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"The Spirituality of...Pets"

Genesis 2:18-20

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." And out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the sky, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all the livestock, and to the birds of the sky, and to every animal of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.

### Musical Offering

Janet Hill

*Time for silent reflection*

### Opportunity To Present Offerings

Liam Wright

### Assurance of God's Grace

Liam Wright

Leader: Our Creator has made us just a little lower than the angels, able to delight in God's presence and partner with God in redeeming the world.

**People:** We are grateful for God's faithfulness to us and to all creation.

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

### \*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

Liam Wright

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: "God of the Sparrow" (#272)

*Sing verses 1,3,5,6*

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 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 neighbor God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

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