

***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: Judy Fukuman, Jana Nakase-Lee
- Online Greeter: May Lee
- Ushers: Judy Fukuman, William Yee
- Parking: Dave McGill
- Parking Barriers: Jonathan Sakakibara
- Sound System: Tom Tambara
- Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee
- Altar Flowers: Bill & Herning Grissom



The Celebration of Worship

October 9, 2022 • 18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
- Pianist: Janet Hill
- Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

Caring Creator, today, in the midst of our busy, fragmented lives, we come to lay our burdens down. Help us encounter You as we worship. Fill us with Your Spirit so we can honor You, love each other, and serve the world.

O God, who loved the world so much that You gave Your only Son that we might have everlasting life, You love us so much You gave us the gift of children in our lives. Help us to be worthy of Your and their love. 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Come home, home to God's house.

People: We have come home to worship, to hear of God's amazing grace, to find God's guidance, to respond to God's call.

All: Almighty God, source of all beauty and goodness, we bring You our praise as you shape our hearts with Your love.

***Opening Hymn: “God Is Here!” (#461)**

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.



110th Anniversary Celebration

Next Week!

Sunday, Oct 16, starting at 10 am

** Those who can, please rise*

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: What is our hope? It is that God doesn't give up on us. With such good news we can dare to bring our faults and foolishness to the One who will not push aside our words or our hearts. Please join me as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: O God, help us to be real and not pretend to be what we're not or to know what we don't.

People: Help us not to be despairing or prideful in comparing ourselves to others when we can't measure up or think they don't.

Leader: For You teach us not to judge but to cooperate and love.

All: Help us today to be happy and helpful, not irritable and critical. O Lord, by Your grace, please change us. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God, whose love is as everlasting as the ocean's roar and as constant as the tide's ebb and flow, hears our cries for help and offers us amazing grace in Christ.

All: When we're running on empty God forgives us and fills us up so we can keep going. Thanks be to God. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***Sending Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (#473)**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Refrain - Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain - Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain - Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

Refrain - Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain - Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

May God help us to be honest so the children and youth in our lives will learn honesty.

May God help us to be kind so the children and youth in our lives will learn kindness.

May God help us to be faithful so the children and youth in our lives will learn faith.

May God help us to love so that the children and youth in our lives will be loving.

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

The Spirituality of... Grandparenting and Caring for Kids

Matthew 19:13-15

Then some children were brought to Him so that He might lay His hands on them and pray; and the disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them. But Jesus said, "Let the little children alone, and do not stop them from coming to Me; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." After laying hands on them, He departed from there.

Musical Offering Janet Hill

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** Donna Komure-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** 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.

***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. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Reflection: "Jesus Loves Me!" (#304)**

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak but He is strong.

Refrain - Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago, taking children on His knee,, saying "Let them come to Me."

Refrain - Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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: Isaiah 49:15 Mieko Davis

Can a woman forget her nursing child and have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, but I will not forget you.

1st Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:5-9 Donna Komure-Toyama

And you shall love the Lord your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

And these words which I command you this day, teach them to your children, and talk about them when you are at home, when you are walking by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. Bind them as a sign upon your hand, and let them be a symbol between your eyes. Inscribe them on the doorposts of your home and on your gates.