

Thanksgiving Showtime Today in the Sanctuary 11:15-12:05

- Tia Kilpatrick and Cap City Brass: "Aladdin"
- Judy Fukuman: Parkview Photo Club Presentation
- Nancy Arata-Fong's son, Ryan: Photo Presentation
- Sachiko Yoshikawa: Illustration "What is Math?" & more
- Leah Nishizaki & Kishwer Vikaas: Uklele and Song "Count on Me"
- Cathy Nishizaki: Tik Tok Make-up Tutorial
- Haruko Sakakibara & Wade Tambara:
 Violin & Piano: Salut d'Armour (Love's Greeting)
- Offering Time
- Donna and Titus Toyama: group dancing, Bon Odori



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The Celebration of Worship

November 13, 2022 • 23nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

O God of steadfast love, we enter this space today to worship You in gladness. We gather in the harvest of our lives and come into Your presence singing Your praises. You are our Creator; we are Your people. Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation: We give thanks for the sun, water, air and winds that nourish your earth which provides the beauty and bounty we enjoy. Holy One, we are grateful. May our worship be a blessing to You.

Prelude Wade Tambara

*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

Carla Hart

Leader: Wondrous God, as the trees reflect the dazzling autumn sun, so may our lives reflect Your glory.

People: God, You have been so gracious to us and blessed us; open our eyes to appreciate the magnificence that surrounds us. Open our hearts to recognize Your constant care for us.

All: We come to you, Creation's Joy, with thanksgiving. We gather to worship You, God of Generosity, from whom all blessings flow!

*Opening Hymn: "We Gather Together" (#559)

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing, *Sing* praises to God's name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our Lord with us joining, ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, was at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant, and pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving thee whom we adore, serving thee whom we adore.

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 Wade Tambara

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: Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto Online Greeter: May Lee Maurine Huang, William Yee Ushers: Parking: Tak Fukuman Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara Sound System: Tom Tambara Zoom Moderator: Judy Yee Altar Flowers: Mieko Davis

*Doxology

Carla Hart

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

Carla Hart

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: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (#420)

Sing verses 1,2,3, and 5

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: We wonder what's for lunch, we worry about work tomorrow, we fret about the medical test coming up. So much worry over things we cannot control. The One who showers earth with rain, who places the sun in the brilliant autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around us, who fills us with healing and hope. Let's confess how our worries keep us from trusting the God who forgives us and restores us to new life.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Our Creator, You made an intricate and diverse world, and told us to tend it reverently and responsibly:

People: Forgive us when we forget our connection with all of creation.

Leader: Our Creator, You have made a world of abundance and intend for us to share so that all may have their "daily bread".

People: Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality and community.

Leader: Our Creator, You have sent us Jesus, the "Bread of Life" to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

People: Forgive us when we don't respond to His hope for us to bring justice and life-changing love to the world.

All: Everyday and all day, let's shape our lives by focusing our minds on what is beautiful and worthy of praise. Every day and all day let's celebrate God's goodness.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: We have brought God the concerns of our lives. We trust that God not only hears our prayers, but in God's willingness to transform and bless, answers our prayers with grace and wisdom.

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

Carla Hart

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: "In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful" (#654 GtG)

Sing 2 times

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful; in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God; do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

Lift up your voices; the Lord is near.

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: James 1:17

Mieko Davis

Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:8-9

Carla Hart

Finally, all of you,have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Thanksgiving Blessings"

Numbers 6:22-26

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to Aaron and his sons, saying, Thus you shall bless the Israelites: You shall say to them, The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

Carla Hart

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.