

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: Betsy Eskridge, Miyo Uchida
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator: Nancy Arata-Fong
Altar Flowers: Terri Bowman



Winter Warmth Collection

Parkview is collecting NEW clothing items throughout the month of November to distribute to people living in tents and in the parks. Items we are collecting: warm hats, gloves, ponchos, scarves, socks, outerwear like vests and jackets, any size, including children's sizes and XL-XXL sizes.

Bring them during worship service or during church office hours (Mon 10 am-12 pm & Thurs 9-11 am).

Thank you in advance for these blessings you are sharing!



The Celebration of Worship

November 20, 2022 • Christ the King

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Centering Thought for Worship

Thanksgiving is a time in which we deliberately count the blessings in our lives and respond to God's generosity with our own gifts of time, money, and talents. Recalling our abundant blessings of life and health can deepen gratitude in us and develop thanksgiving as a spiritual posture through which we become more aware of these gifts and expressive of our thankfulness.

Contentment Prayer

Lord, help me be grateful for what I have, remember that I don't need most of what I want, and know that joy is found in gratitude and generosity. 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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: God, Creator of life and love, You have showered the earth with abundant blessings. Thanks be to God, Giver of all that is good!

People: O give thanks to God, for the Lord is good.

All: We remember all that God has done for us. Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

*Opening Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” (#551)

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home: All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied: Come to God’s own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear: Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home; from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in God’s garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home; gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there forever purified, in Thy presence to abide: come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” (#555)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices; Who, from our mother’s arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore, the God Who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sakura Chorus

“Dona Nobis” (Give Us Peace)

*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.)

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and God’s righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

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.

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

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: God has told us not to be anxious about anything, but to bring everything to God in prayer with thanksgiving. But we worry about rising prices, we wonder how to get through the holidays without arguing with relatives. Let’s bring our worries, our regrets, and our longings to be better, and do better, to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: God of Grace, you have gifted us with a world of blessings; a land of plenty; a country where all can have enough.

People: God, we come before you to repent from our reluctance to share this wealth. We admit our complicity in systems that sustain some of us, while neglecting many others.

Leader: Righteous God, You listen to those who struggle and go without, while so many spend and consume recklessly.

All: Forgive us. Touch our hearts that we may be good neighbors, world Christians, and effective voices for justice.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: We are made whole; not by our self-help efforts, not by any work we do, not by strivings or skills, but by God’s amazing grace.

All: Out of God's abundant kindness, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us grace so we might live in hope and joy. Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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

Carla Hart

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

All: And also with you.

Sakura Chorus

"Beautifully"

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Reflection: "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 onto the end of our days.

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 ocean 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.

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: 1 Chronicles 16:34

Miyo Uchida

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever!

1st Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Carla Hart

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Over the River and Through the Woods"

Matthew 6:25-33

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.