

***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

“Divertimenti” by Francesco Durante (1684 - 1755)

*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, Luda Wright
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Neil Matsuoka
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Jana Nakase-Lee



The Celebration of Worship

January 22, 2023 • 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Judy Fukuman
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright
Children’s Time:	Jana Nakase-Lee

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Gracious God, we worship You on this beautiful winter morning. We come
hoping to experience a sense of Your presence that will help us to feel less
fragmented and more connected to ourselves, to each other and to You. Holy
God, we await the touch of Your Spirit with eagerness. Please enter our
lives today, refreshing and renewing and healing us with the power of your
loving Spirit, that we may have faith and courage and loving relationships
like Jesus did. Amen.*

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 Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We come to worship, in need of blessings; we come, seeking closeness with God.

People: We come to worship, from the shadows of our lives, seeking God's light and hope.

All: We come to worship God, seeking love and peace for our lives, and for our world.

*Opening Hymn: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" (#476)

O worship the King, all glorious above!
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
The chariots of heaven the deep thunderclouds form,
and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy power has founded of old;
Established it fast, by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

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: "O for a World" (#386)

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.

Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

This is it. This is the life we get here on earth. We get to give away what we receive. We get to believe in each other. We get to forgive and be forgiven. We get to love, with God's help, the best way we know how. And we never know what effect it will have for years to come.

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting and have them take their place there with you. I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the spirit that is on you and put it on them, and they shall bear the burden of the people along with you so that you will not bear it all by yourself.”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

“Home” by Y.Honma

Time for silent reflection

Opportunity To Present Offerings

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

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**

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We all make mistakes, many of them. We hurt ourselves, we hurt others, we hurt God, with our words and choices, with our silence and inaction. Let’s confess our sins to God, trusting in the One who blesses us with mercy and forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God of Bethlehem: You bless us richly, forgive our reluctance to share;

People: You hold us close to Your heart, forgive us for keeping others at arm's length;

Leader: You shine in the shadows of our soul, forgive us for not sharing the Light;

People: You lift us from where we have fallen, forgive us for not offering a helping hand;

All: Lead us to deeper connection with You and others. Make us more devoted companions of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God has not given up on us. God continues to renew us again and again. God continues to transform us so that we can restore the world.

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

Response to God's Forgiveness: "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" (#582GtG)

All Sing:

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Judy Fukuman

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children's Time

Jana Nakase-Lee

Children and youth are now invited to go to the social hall for Bible Study, stories, and crafts.

Hymn of Reflection: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (#438)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love:
the fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share our mutual woes, our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

From sorrow, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign through all eternity.

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: Ecclesiastes 4:12

Michael Wright

from The Message

By yourself you're unprotected. With a friend you can face the worst. Can you round up a third? A three-stranded rope isn't easily snapped.

1st Scripture Reading: Romans 12:9

Judy Fukuman

from The Message

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply;

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon Series: Words of Hope for the World "Relationship"

Numbers 11:10-17

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all these people on me? Did I conceive all these people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them as a wet nurse carries a nursing child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all these people? For they come weeping to me, saying, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all these people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."