

***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:	Rumi Nozue, Mana Nozue
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Parking:	Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Steve Hanway



The Celebration of Worship

January 29, 2023 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Japanese Reader:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Phillip Chew
Wade Tambara
Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

Here we are Lord!

We believe in Your power to change us;

Your creating power making relationships new,

Your redeeming power saving us from despair,

Your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.

*In this time of worship, as we encounter You and pray and listen together,
we open ourselves to the transforming power of your Spirit, changing our
hearts, our lives and our world. Amen.*

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

Phillip Chew

Leader: God our Creator and our Provider, on this winter morning we gather in faith. In the warmth of Your goodness we meet to hear Your voice, to feel Your presence.

All: We come to sing, to pray, to worship and to listen. We come to know You better and to praise Your name.

Leader: God our Sustainer and our Redeemer, on this winter morning we gather in hope. In the assurance of Your grace we meet to confess our need, and to name our longings.

All: God our Parent and our Companion, on this winter morning we gather in love. In the certainty of Your welcome we meet to share our lives, to grow in Christ, and to celebrate being Your children.

*Opening Hymn: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!” (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in
mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

*Sending Hymn: “Live into Hope” (#332)

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of
greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God’s
own jubilee!

Live into hope the blind shall see with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God
brought near.

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the
right to have one’s daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be
fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or
greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope
and joy and peace.

Sung Benediction

Parkview Choir

“We’ve Come This Far By Faith” (#656 GtG)

We’ve come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, trusting in
the holy Word; God’s never failed us yet.

O, can’t turn around, we’ve come this far by faith.

We’ve come this far by faith.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

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**

Phillip Chew

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.

Invitation to Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: If we want to live as God’s children, to grow in hope, to walk in the Light, we must admit our failings and harmful ways, so we may open ourselves to God’s healing mercy.

Prayer of Confession

Phillip Chew

Leader: Loving God, you long for us to be faithful and kind, to live as role models of trust and love for a world desperate for both.

People: But we know the mistakes we have made, the harsh words we have spoken, the trouble we have stirred up by our bad tempers and unforgiving hearts.

Leader: Every day we do things that break Your heart, our brokenness leads us to neglect others and harm the planet.

All: Forgive us. Pour out Your healing Spirit on us, and on our world, we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Phillip Chew

Leader: As God’s children, we are blessed, we are loved, we are forgiven.

All: Our lives have been transformed by the abundant grace given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God! 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

Phillip Chew

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Choir Song

“My Life Flows On: How Can I Keep From Singing”

Hymn of Reflection: “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

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

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: Hebrews 11:6

Mieko Davis

It's impossible to please God apart from faith. And why? Because anyone who wants to approach God must believe both that God exists and that God cares enough to respond to those who seek Him.

1st Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-5

Phillip Chew

When Jesus came back to Capernaum a few days later, it was heard that He was at home. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer space, not even near the door; and He was speaking the word to them. And some people came, bringing to Him a man who was paralyzed, carried by four men. And when they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him; and after digging an opening, they let down the pallet on which the paralyzed man was lying. And Jesus, seeing their faith, said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon Series: Words of Hope for the World – “Faith ”

Mark 2:6-12 from *The Message*

Some religion scholars sitting there started whispering among themselves, “He can't talk that way! That's blasphemy! God and only God can forgive sins.” Jesus knew right away what they were thinking, and said, “Why are you so skeptical? Which is simpler: to say to the paraplegic, ‘I forgive your sins,’ or say, ‘Get up, take your stretcher, and start walking?’ Well, just so it's clear that I'm the Son of Man and authorized to do either, or both . . .” (he looked now at the paraplegic), “Get up. Pick up your stretcher and go home.” And the man did it—got up, grabbed his stretcher, and walked out, with everyone there watching him. They rubbed their eyes, incredulous—and then praised God, saying, “We've never seen anything like this!”