

## In Appreciation:

Greeters: Miyo Uchida, Irene Uno  
Online Greeter: May Lee  
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove  
Parking: Russ Hart  
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee  
Sound System: Tom Tambara  
Zoom Moderator: Aki Kumagai  
Altar Flowers: Phillip & Julie Chew  
Coffee Hour: Judy Fukuman, Cathy Nishizaki, Miyo Uchida



## The Celebration of Worship

February 19, 2023 • Transfiguration of the Lord



*The Saviour's Transfiguration*  
Ca. 1403. Artist unknown

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama  
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong  
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Wondrous God, You are magnificent beyond our imagining; yet we see Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the world. Transform us into the likeness of Your blessed Son, who renewed our humanity so that we might share in His divinity. The same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

### \*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: O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek You,  
You reveal the beauty of Your face.

**People: On the mountain Your Son Jesus was transfigured  
by Your divine splendor.**

**All: In His face, we have glimpsed Your glory, in His life,  
we see Your love. With adoration we proclaim Your glory  
and sing Your praise.**

## \*Opening Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(#263)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid  
from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor  
wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains high  
soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness  
and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on  
the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changes Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light, Thine angels  
adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O  
help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

## Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God receives us when we turn to God. With joy, God  
welcomes us; with gentleness, God listens to us; with  
graciousness, God forgives us; Let’s open our lives to God’s  
Spirit and tell God how it is with us.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me  
home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope  
secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life  
endures.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as  
the sun, we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d  
first begun.

## 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

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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.*

### 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

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.**

### \*Sending Hymn: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (#280)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

### Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God of kindness and grace, You come to us in Jesus to break down the divisions and hostility between us:

**People: But we remain isolated and fearful of each other.**

Leader: You give us the ability to welcome and learn from each other, and live in peace.

**People: But we dwell on our wounds, nurse grudges, and withhold forgiveness.**

**All: Forgive us, Lord Jesus, transform us by Your Spirit. As You gave Yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Teach us how to live in Your light and bring others home to Your love.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God gives us new strength and hope for the journey, calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: All of us, with unveiled faces, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 3:18)**

**All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### 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

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: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

(#182)

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.” I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.” I came to Jesus, and drank of that lifegiving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto Me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.” I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till traveling days are done.

### 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: John 1:14

Miyo Uchida

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-18

Donna Komure-Toyama

For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such a declaration as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory: “This is My beloved Son with whom I am well pleased”- and we ourselves heard this declaration made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

## Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Sermon Series:

### Words of Hope for the World – “Resilience”

Luke 9:28-36 from *The Message*

About eight days after saying this, Jesus climbed the mountain to pray, taking Peter, John, and James along. While he was in prayer, the appearance of his face changed and his clothes became blinding white. At once two men were there talking with him. They turned out to be Moses and Elijah—and what a glorious appearance they made! They talked over his exodus, the one Jesus was about to complete in Jerusalem.

Meanwhile, Peter and those with him were slumped over in sleep. When they came to, rubbing their eyes, they saw Jesus in his glory and the two men standing with him. When Moses and Elijah had left, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking. While he was babbling on like this, a light-radiant cloud enveloped them. As they found themselves buried in the cloud, they became deeply aware of God. Then there was a voice out of the cloud: “This is my Son, the Chosen One! Listen to him.”

When the sound of the voice died away, they saw Jesus there alone. They were speechless. And they continued speechless, said not one thing to anyone during those days of what they had seen.

### Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

*Time for silent reflection*