

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

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

Janet Hill

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:	Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Carla Hart, Betsy Eskridge
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	William & Judy Yee



The Celebration of Worship

February 26, 2023 • First Sunday in Lent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Liam Wright
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES (Youth Enrichment Session) Time	Julie Chew

Centering Prayer for Worship

Holy Spirit, Christ, Creator, in this season of Lent, we want to worship You. Help us encounter You as we worship; in prayers, in songs, in confession and pardon, in the Word read and proclaimed. We want to experience You so that we can give our whole selves to You. As we come to You, create a holy space where we can be embraced by You. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

- Adapted from *In God's Presence* by Graham Standish

Prelude

Janet Hill

*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

Liam Wright

Leader: Your glory and power, O God, surround us in the sanctuary.

People: You, O God, are faithful and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.

Leader: Teach us Your ways, that we may walk in Your light and embody Your truth.

People: As in Jesus Christ You gave yourself to us, so we give ourselves to You.

All: We worship You, glorious God, and offer You our thanks and praise!

*Opening Hymn: "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (#483)

Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation, the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation; with healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled: To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power has made, God's gracious mercy keepeth; by morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth; within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right: To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing, an ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing; as with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band: To God all praise and glory!

Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises. Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part: To God be grace and glory!

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

Liam Wright

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: "To God Be the Glory" (#485)

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading
Lent Series: Heart to Heart Talks
“Not Today, Evil One”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Matthew 4:1-11

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

Musical Offering

Janet Hill

Time for silent reflection

Invitation to Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: By nature, we are impatient, irritated, grumbling people, always demanding our way. But God, who is good and kind and gentle, comes to transform us, by grace, into the people we are meant to be. Let’s open ourselves to the One who overflows with love for us, as we confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: The Light of the world has come, but we admit we love the shadows all around us.

People: For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can complain about our unhappiness with life, instead of singing Your praises; there, we can give into our frustration and rage, and not pay attention to Your call to be agents of peace and hope. Forgive us.

Leader: Lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of Your joy, so we may serve others; shower us with the grace, the hope, and the peace You have brought to us through Jesus Christ.

All: We need your help to transform our self-centered lives. Lord have mercy on us, forgive us and change us. We pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Liam Wright

Leader: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

People: Christ's light shines in us!

Leader: When we think our hands our empty, when we have no music in our souls:

People: The Spirit fills us with grateful songs, and transforms us for good works!

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** Liam Wright

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message Dawn Zepernick

***New Song: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" (GtG #377)**

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus. Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father.

Refrain.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus. When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.

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***Hymn of Reflection: "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (#81)**

Sing to the tune of "Amazing Grace"

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with You to mourn our sins, and close by You to stay.

As Thou with Satan did contend, and did the victory win, O give us strength in You to fight, in You to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through Thy Passiontide, Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.

Abide with us, and so, this life of suffering overpast, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

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: Isaiah 1:18 Miko Kumagai

"Come, now and let us reason together," says the Lord, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; Though they be red like crimson, they will be like wool."

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:13 Liam Wright

From The Message

No test or temptation that comes your way is beyond the course of what others have had to face. All you need to remember is that God will never let you down; God will never let you be pushed past your limit; God will always be there to help you come through it.