

Postlude

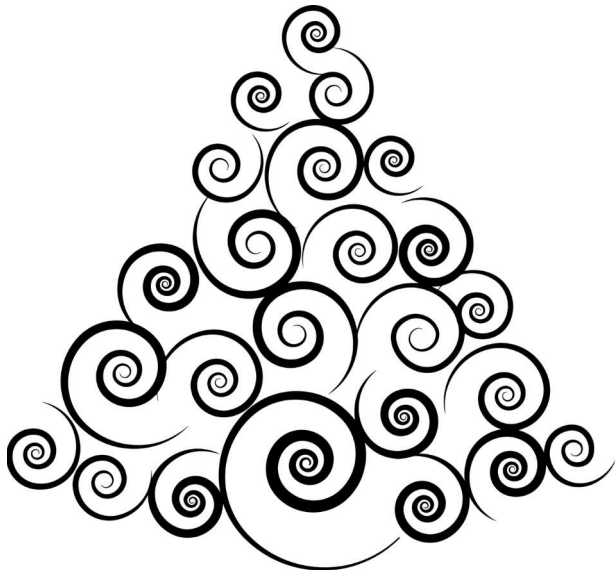
Haruko Sakakibara

“Romanze” by Franz Joseph Haydn

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:	Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Judy Fukuman, Maurine Huang
Parking:	Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Mieko Davis



The Celebration of Worship

March 12, 2023 • Third Sunday of Lent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Christine Umeda
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis
YES (Youth Enrichment Session) Time	Jana Nakase-Lee

Centering Prayer for Worship

God, in a world where we worry about tomorrow instead of enjoying today, as we encounter You in worship, may we may discover the wonders surrounding us and be reminded that You are always with us in all the moments of life. May we truly see You, hear You, and follow You as we move through this Lenten season.

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: We come to worship because we want to know God,

People: Who helps us set aside the past, and walk the path to new life.

Leader: We come to worship because we want to encounter Jesus,

People: Who anoints us with the resurrection, and brings hope to all the world

All: We come to worship You, Wondrous Spirit of God, receive our joyful thanks and praise.

*Opening Hymn: “When Morning Gilds the Skies” (#487)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus
I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth
to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all
the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Before we speak, God knows our needs, yet our words
open our hearts to God's grace. Let's prepare ourselves for
God's healing as, in words and silence, we tell of all that
separates us from God and each other.

*Sending Hymn: “Help Us Accept Each Other” (#358)

Sing four verses to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation” (#442)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as
sister, brother, each person to embrace.

Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are
ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle
to be patient and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for
people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them
or as they may become.

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in
living situations to do the truth in love; to practice Your
acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and
laughter’s freeing art.

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who
hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need
new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with
Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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.)*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

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

Christine Umeda

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.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Everlasting God, we confess how we have not lived as Your people. We serve many masters - work, wealth, power, addictions - yet find no hope in them.

People: We see the effects of greed and injustice and hopelessness all around us and we turn away, not sure what to do to help, wanting to stay safe.

All: Forgive us, God of grace and blessing, and heal us of our brokenness. Make us well, so that by our healing, we might be the hope and love others need in their lives. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: Our Lord leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us the hope that lives within us.

People: Now that we have let go of the pain, the bitterness, the anger of our lives, we will be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

All: Thanks be to God! We will walk in the light and live each day as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved with an everlasting love. 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** Christine Umeda
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: "What Wondrous Love Is This"**
(#85)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and through eternity I'll sing on!

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: Psalm 139:23-24 Mieko Davis
Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 139: 1-4 Christine Umeda
O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You understand my thought from afar. You scrutinize my path and my lying down, and are intimately acquainted with all my ways. Even before there is a word on my tongue, behold, O Lord, You know it all.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
John 4:3-29
"Well, Well" A high-noon heart-to-heart talk between Jesus and a Samaritan Woman.
With Dave McGill and Jana Nakase-Lee.

Youth may now leave for YES.

Musical Offering Haruko Sakakibara
"Be Thou with Me" by Johann Sebastian Bach

Time for silent reflection

Choir Song
"For Everyone Born" Text by Shirley Erena Murray

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community