



## The Celebration of Worship

March 19, 2023 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Sue Lorens
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Japanese Reader:	Miyo Uchida

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God, we thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whose life and ministry guides us through this Lenten season, and guides us in every season of life. In his suffering and death, he knows full well the troubles and pains we face in this earthly life. In his resurrection is the hope of our own. We thank you, O God: You are making all things new. Amen.*

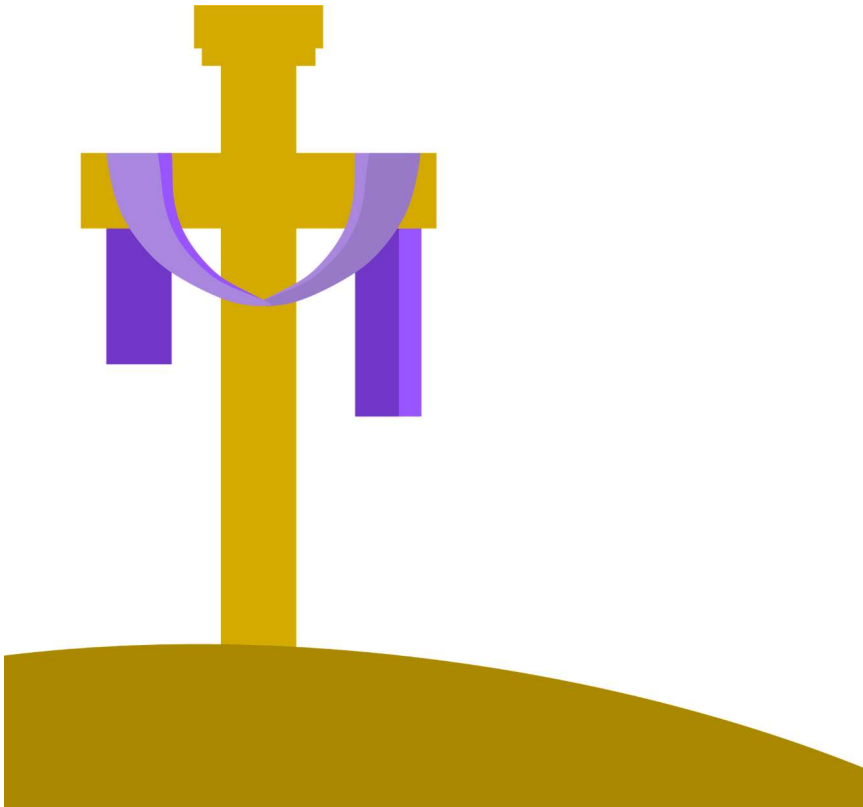
- From *Feasting on the Word*

**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

Sue Lorens

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: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,

*Refrain.* Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain.*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

*Refrain.*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain.*

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

*Refrain.*

## \*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:	Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Maurine Huang, Titus Toyama
Parking:	Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Sue Lorens
Coffee Time:	Mieko Davis, Luda Wright, Diane Younglove

**\*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**

Sue Lorens

**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: “This Is My Father’s World” (#293 )**

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: Oh, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Invitation to Confession**

Sue Lorens

Leader: God's love is constant and sure, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. So let’s pray and tell God how things are with us, and trust God to forgive us.

**Prayer of Confession**

Sue Lorens

Leader: We come before you, O God, aware of how anxious our lives have become; we are a collection of fearful thoughts, disrupted schedules and frayed nerves.

**People: We have not kept our eyes upon Your saving cross or listened to Your ever-loving voice. Forgive us.**

**All: Stir our hearts to sense you in every moment. Please fill us Your peace so that we can give others Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

**Assurance of God’s Grace**

Sue Lorens

Leader: Grace is the gift we receive from Christ. Jesus gives us a Spirit of salvation, not so that we settle in and claim it only for a few, but that we might turn it into that place of refuge for all, where mercy and hope flow into each person’s life.

**All: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with God’s love and peace. 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**

Sue Lorens

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: “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” (#172)**

My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy’s sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;  
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.

**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 John 10:11**

Miyo Uchida

Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: John 10:1-6**

Sue Lorens

Jesus said, “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he’s up to no good—a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won’t follow a stranger’s voice but will scatter because they aren’t used to the sound of it.” Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about.

**Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Don’t Just Stand There”

John 10:7-10

So he tried again. “I’ll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good—sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn’t listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

**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.**