

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

**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**

Haruko Sakakibara

*Inventio 13* by J.S.Bach

*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:	Judy Fukuman, Miyo Uchida
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	William Yee
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara



**The Celebration of Worship**

April 2, 2023 • Palm Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
Communion Elders:	Cathy Nishizaki, Irene Uno

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Lord Jesus, we remember this day when You entered Jerusalem to begin Your passion in the world-changing power of vulnerability. May we encounter You today as we worship and be transformed by Your presence, so that in the week to come, we will indeed share Your Jerusalem journey. Let our songs and prayers and lives show our gratitude for the grace of Your self-giving love. With those who spread coats before you, and those who are sustained by Your love, we open our hearts to You and offer You our grateful praise. Amen.*

**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

Steve Hanway

Leader: We come to experience the holiest of weeks. We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

**People: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the life we long for, He is the Savior who sustains us.**

Leader: We wave our hands in celebration, we lay our love before Him, to cushion His walk.

**People: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, Jesus comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.**

Leader: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

### \*Opening Hymn: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (#89)

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang; through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang; to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast, the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed ‘mid an exultant crowd, the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud; the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state, nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing, for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

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

Steve Hanway

### 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: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (#101)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down; did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

“Blessed is the king  
who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven,  
and glory in the highest heaven!”

### Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

*The Brook* by Stephen Heller

*Time for silent reflection*

### 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

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**

### Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: When the palm parade is over, do we go back to our lives and live in the old way? Do we toss our Hosannas aside, so we can return to the values and priorities of the world?

As we begin the journey through the holiest of weeks, let's tell the truth about our lives, as we make our confession to God.

### Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: As we begin this Holy Week, when we think of our lives, we remember both Mary's faithfulness, and Judas' betrayal.

**People: We are aware of our own shadows and lack of loyalty, we feel our own doubts and betrayal. May we find your grace stronger than our doubt and deeper than our fears.**

Leader: Forgive us for those times when we rush to judgment, betray, lie and deny, and run away. Set us free from all that makes us mean and mistrusting.

**All: By your Spirit, deepen our connection with you, so that in the holy week to come we may share in Jesus' Jerusalem journey, and follow in His steps.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

### Assurance of God's Grace

Steve Hanway

Leader: The radiance of God's presence gleams brightly against the gathering shadows of the holy week to come. Setting aside anger, God offers us redemption; Replacing shame with hope, God embraces us with love.

**People: God brings healing for our brokenness and peace for our anxious lives.**

**All: We are transformed by the good news of the Gospel, 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**

Steve Hanway

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Children's Message**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Choir Song**

"On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem"

**\*All Glory, Laud and Honor" (#88)**

*Refrain.* All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son, who in  
the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

*Refrain.*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went; our  
praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

*Refrain.*

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

*Refrain.*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

*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: Zechariah 9:9-10**

Aki Kumagai

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold your king is coming to you; He is just and endowed with salvation, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Luke 19:29-35**

Steve Hanway

When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

**Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"From Hosannas to Hallelujahs - What's Missing?"

Luke 19:36-38

As Jesus rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,