

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.*

In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Marilyn Champa, Russ Hart
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	William & Judy Yee



The Celebration of Worship

May 7 • 5th Sunday of Easter

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Titus Toyama
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders	Steve Hanway, William Yee

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God, it is Your love that brings us here. We gather to worship You,
some empty, some filled, some whole, some broken: all yearning for the Holy
Spirit to fill us. We come, trusting that You will speak to our hearts; that
graced by You, we may serve others; that healed by You, we may bring hope
to the world. As we worship the majesty of your presence, teach us the truth
we need to hear through Christ our Lord. 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.**

** Those who can, please rise*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: Lord God of the empty grave, we offer glad songs of resurrection joy to You.

Leader: Rejoice and be glad:

People: This is the good news we tell to all the world!

All: Jesus Christ is risen and is alive forevermore!

*Opening Hymn: “Thine Is the Glory” (#122)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory
Thou o’er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the
stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Refrain. Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; endless is the
victory Thou o’er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.

Refrain.

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life! Life is
nought without Thee; Aid us in our strife. Make us more than
conquerors through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through
Jordan to Thy home above.

Refrain.

Invitation to Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: Called to proclaim the good news of the gospel, we are
reluctant to look at the not-so-good news of our own failings.
Invited to witness to God’s forgiveness of sins, we’d rather not
focus on our own.

*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

Titus 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: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (#356)

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy
grace; streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest
praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming
tongues above; praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of
God’s unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I’ve come; and I
hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus
sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be! Let
that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Choir Song

“In Remembrance of Me”

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 strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich” because of what the Lord has done for us. (Repeat) Give thanks. Give thanks.

Let’s trust in the One who offers us hope and healing, as we pray from the broken edges of our lives and the broken edges of the world and the church.

Prayer of Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: O God, through Jesus, You long to fill us with Your comfort and peace, but we continue to take on more anxiety, more stress, more fear.

People: Sometimes we focus only on our own concerns and neglect to share Your grace with those who need it most. Forgive us, God of love.

Leader: Transform us as we reveal our brokenness to You.

All: Let our lives be proof of the good news of your saving grace as we bear witness to your resurrection power. Let our words and actions carry your care and compassion to all; for the sake of our living Lord. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Titus Toyama

Leader: We are healed, to bring healing to our world; we are strengthened in faith to bring grace and kindness to others;

People: We are set free from our bondage to sin, so we may become servants of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God! 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**

Titus 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#276)**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not, as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning, new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand has provided. Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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: Exodus 2:23-24

Haruko Sakakibara

Many years later the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned under their slavery and cried out. Their cries for relief from their hard labor ascended to God: God listened to their groanings. God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

1st Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:9-10

Titus Toyama

Just make sure you stay alert. Keep close watch over yourselves. Don't forget anything of what you've seen. Don't let your heart wander off. Stay vigilant as long as you live. Teach what you've seen and heard to your children and grandchildren. Remember the day you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, when the Lord said to me, "Assemble the people to Me, that I may let them hear My words so they may learn to revere Me all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children."

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

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Easter Practices Series: "Don't Forget to Remember"

2 Timothy 2:8-13

(Paul writes to Timothy, and to believers everywhere.) Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy:

If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong