

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:	Mana Nozue, Rumi Nozue
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	William Yee
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Nancy Arata-Fong



The Celebration of Worship

May 14, 2023 • Mother’s Day

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Carla Hart
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
YES (Youth Enrichment Session):	Lois Van Beers

Centering Prayer for Worship

*O Divine Companion, you call us to this place where we feel loved and
welcomed and call it home. You invite us into this place where we meet
kindred spirits and call them friends. Here and now, help us to let go of
worry and anxiety and open ourselves to Your caring Spirit that will lead
us to Your abundant life. God, our perfect Parent, we come home to You
and gratefully offer ourselves to You in praise and service. 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 stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: Come home, home to God's embrace.

People: We have come home to worship, to hear of God's amazing grace, to find God's guidance, to respond to God's call.

Leader: Surrounded by springtime splendor, let's joyfully sing praises to our God!

All: We thank God, the source of all beauty and goodness, as we worship our Risen Lord!

*Opening Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in
mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

God knows the brokenness of our lives. God listens when we
share our longings and regrets. Trusting Christ's grace to hold
us, let us draw near to God and tell God how it is with us.

*Prayer of Dedication

Carla Hart

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: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (#376)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come
down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies
crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love
thou art; visit us with Thy salvation; enter every trembling
heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest; Take
away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as
its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive; suddenly
return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we
would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above, pray,
and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and
praise.

months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with tar and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

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 Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Dear Lord Jesus, Son of God and Son of Mary, you came into the world to heal the brokenness in the human family and throughout all creation.

People: But we are sometimes absent from each other, giving in to pressures at work or distracted by the routines of daily life. We carry grudges and deep resentments that block the flow of Your grace.

Leader: Forgive us. Restore our sense of belonging to You and to each other. Heal our relationships and infuse our lives with grace and gratitude.

All: Bring us to a holy balance in our lives and an awareness of Your presence with us each moment. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: God's love and forgiveness are powerful reminders of who God is. You are God's Beloved. Believe the Good News of the Gospel: All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We are made one family in faith. Thanks be to God. 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

Carla Hart

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

All: And also with you.

Choir Song

“I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry”

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children may leave after the Children’s Message for YES.

*Hymn of Reflection: “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.

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

Aki Kumagai

1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1st Scripture Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Carla Hart

From The Message

I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God’s plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion. That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn’t want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Easter Practices Series: “A Mother’s Love: Faith That Floats”

Exodus 2:1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman became pregnant and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three