

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

"Andante Maestoso" by Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

*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:	Sue Lorens, Miko Kumagai
Online Greeter:	May Lee
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Parkview Church



The Celebration of Worship

June 4, 2023 • 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Christine Umeda
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Leaders:	Cathy Nishizaki, Hach Yasumura

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God, as we worship You today, we celebrate and honor Jesus' mother,
Mary, who followed Your will all her life. She said 'yes' to what You asked
of her. She serves as a compassionate spiritual mother for us as she shows
us what it is to live in trust and faithfulness in You, no matter what the
cost. Thank you for Mary's powerful witness and inspiring life of devotion
to You. 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.**

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: Mary was the mother of Jesus. May we also bring Jesus into the world for others.

People: Mary lived a life that was pleasing to God. May we live to do God’s will in all things.

Leader: Mary was courageous. May we always do what we know is right.

People: Mary brought glory to God throughout her life. May we honor our Creator God in all we say and do.

All: We worship the God of Mary, Who loves and blesses us and all the world.

***Opening Hymn: “Morning Has Broken” (#469)**

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain’s new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where God’s feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God’s recreation of the new day!

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: In Mary, God showed us the beauty and power of trusting faith and loving obedience to God. May God increase our desire to turn from destructive words and actions that hurt God, ourselves and others, and say yes to God’s work of transformation in us.

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: “Take My Life” (#391)**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing, always, only for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee, filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use every power as Thou shall choose, every power as Thou shall choose.

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

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.

*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

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: What can we say about our lives, Searcher of our hearts?

People: Holy God, we confess that we don't fully open our hearts to Your Spirit within us. Like Mary, help us yield ourselves entirely to You.

Leader: You know how often we have misled others with our words. We promise one thing, and do the opposite.

People: When we could grow in grace and gratitude, we continue to wallow in wrongdoing.

Leader: Forgive us, Healer of our hearts. You save us when we can't save ourselves.

All: We commit ourselves to Your way of love and peace. Because You love us, because this brings You joy.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: God's grace is more powerful than any of your sins. God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, cherishes you as you are, yet promises to free you from guilt and shame, and fill your life with gratitude and joy .

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**

Christine Umeda

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

All: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Sue Lorens

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: Luke 1:42

Haruko Sakakibara

Elizabeth cried out with a loud voice and said, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!”

1st Scripture Reading: Luke 1:46-49

Christine Umeda

And Mary said, “My soul exalts the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. For God has had regard for the humble state of his bondservant; for behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed. For the Mighty One has done great things for me; and holy is God’s name.”

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

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“Mary, the First to Carry the Word”

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to a town in Galilee named Nazareth. He had a message for a young woman promised in marriage to a man named Joseph, who was a descendent of King David. Her name was Mary. The angel came to her and said, “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!

Mary was deeply troubled by the angel’s message, and she wondered what his words meant. The angel said to her, “Don’t

be afraid, Mary, God has been gracious to you. You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High God. The Lord God will make him a king, as his ancestor David was, and he will be the King of the descendants of Jacob forever; his Kingdom will never end!” Mary said to the angel, “How, then, can this be?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and God’s power will rest on you. For this reason the holy Child will be called the Son of God. Remember your relative Elizabeth. It is said that she cannot have children, but she herself is now six months pregnant, even though she is very old. For there is nothing God cannot do.” Mary said, “I am the Lord’s servant, may it happen to me as you have said.”

Musical Offering

Haruko Sakakibara

“Spring Snow” by Taro Iwashiro

***Communion Hymn: “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” (#372)**

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart; Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.