

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

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:

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| Greeters: | Tia Kilpatrick, Diane Younglove |
| Online Greeter: | May Lee |
| Ushers: | Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove |
| Parking: | Gary Younglove |
| Parking Barriers (Sat) | Titus Toyama |
| Sound System: | Kaz Nozue |
| Zoom Moderator: | Judy Yee |
| Altar Flowers: | Pattie Hashimoto |



The Celebration of Worship

June 11, 2023 • Pride Sunday

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Dave McGill

Pianist:

Wade Tambara

Japanese Reader:

Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

Gracious God,

*We come together to worship, committing to deeper connection; to listen
more, to see and witness, seeking compassion over conflict, hope over hate.
We dismiss the false unity of sameness, and celebrate diversity, woven in
the unity of love. For You created us for community, made us in Your
image of love. Together we are the rainbow colors of love. We belong.
Amen.*

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.**

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Dave McGill

Leader: We gather together to celebrate God's presence in our lives and in our world.

People: God's love fills our hearts to overflowing with faith and peace.

Leader: We gather in God's presence to find comfort for our pain and hope to share with the world.

People: God's grace permeates our hearts and knits us together as family.

All: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God with joy.

*Opening Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" (#455)

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on God cast your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

“Love Out Loud”

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Esther 7:1-6

So the king and Haman went to dinner with Queen Esther. At this second dinner, while they were drinking wine the king again asked, “Queen Esther, what would you like? Half of my kingdom! Just ask and it’s yours.” Queen Esther answered, “If I have found favor in your eyes, O King, and if it please the king, give me my life, and give my people their lives. We’ve been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed—sold to be massacred, eliminated. If we had just been sold off into slavery, I wouldn’t even have brought it up; our troubles wouldn’t have been worth bothering the king over.” King Xerxes exploded, “Who? Where is he? This is monstrous!” “An enemy. An adversary. This evil Haman.” said Esther.

Musical Offering

Wade Tambara

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

Dave McGill

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

All creatures, your Creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness. O sing Ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit,
Three in One! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: When we offer our confession to God, we join the ongoing work of reconciliation, which begins with our being reconciled with God. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let’s bring our faults and failings to God.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Compassionate God, we admit that sometimes we don’t know what to do with ourselves. Some days we feel lonely and discouraged, overwhelmed by the suffering all around us.

People: God of wisdom and mercy, who made us all in Your image, teach us to love ourselves as You love us. Help us to see Your image in all those we meet.

All: Lord, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts and our planet, torn apart by unkindness and selfishness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us, forgive us.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Dave McGill

Leader: God is in our past, forgiving us. God is present with us now, our strength and comfort. And God will be with us in the days to come, empowering us to bring love and justice to the world.

All: We believe 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**

Dave McGill

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Rejoicing "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (#770 GtG)**

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

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: Jeremiah 29:11

Mieko Davis

"For I know the plans that I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

1st Scripture Reading: Esther 5:1-8

Dave McGill

Three days later Esther dressed in her royal robes and took up a position in the inner court of the palace in front of the king's throne room. The king was on his throne facing the entrance. When he noticed Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased to see her; the king extended the gold scepter in his hand. Esther approached and touched the tip of the scepter. The king asked, "And what's your desire, Queen Esther? What do you want? Ask and it's yours—even if it's half my kingdom!"

"If it please the king," said Esther, "let the king come with Haman to a dinner I've prepared for him." "Get Haman at once," said the king, "so we can go to dinner with Esther." So the king and Haman joined Esther at the dinner she had arranged. As they were drinking the wine, the king said, "Now, what is it you want? Half of my kingdom isn't too much to ask! Just ask." Esther answered, "Here's what I want. If the king favors me and is pleased to do what I desire and ask, let the king and Haman come again tomorrow to the dinner that I will fix for them. Then I'll give a straight answer to the king's question."