

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

From “Musical Pastime at the Clavier”
by Valentin Rathgeber (1682-1750)

*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: | Judy Fukuman, Irene Uno |
| Online Greeter: | May Lee |
| Ushers: | Maurine Huang, William Yee |
| Parking: | Russ Hart |
| Parking Barriers (Sat) | Russ Hart |
| Sound System: | Tom Tambara |
| Zoom Moderator: | Aki Kumagai |
| Coffee Time: | Donna Komure-Toyama, Sue Lorens, Irene Uno |
| Altar Flowers: | Russ & Lori Hart |



The Celebration of Worship

June 18, 2023 • Father’s Day

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| Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave |
| Worship Leader: | Sue Lorens |
| Pianist: | Haruko Sakakibara |
| Japanese Reader: | Miyo Uchida |

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Loving God, as Your children, we are grateful that we are all made in
Your image, saved by faith in Your Son, and given new life by Your Spirit.
On this Father’s Day, may we respond to Your continual love and care with
humility and gratitude. In a world torn apart by division and rage, we offer
ourselves to You to make life better for all our brothers and sisters. 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 and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Sue Lorens

Leader: On Father's Day, we acknowledge that our relationships with our fathers can be complicated. All of us are shaped by the relationship or lack of relationship with our fathers.

People: Some of us have great connections with our dad. Some of our dads are, or were, active in our lives; some never were. For some of us, God's love fills in the empty spaces our fathers left behind.

Leader: On this day when we remember what it means to have a father, or be a father, we pledge to honor the fathers among us, so that they will embody God's loving faithfulness in all they do.

All: Loving God, our perfect Parent, may our worship today bring You joy. May our lives always bring You glory.

*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (#485)

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

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: "It is Well with My Soul" (#840 GtG)

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain. It is well (It is well) with my soul; (with my soul;) It is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain.

heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Musical Offering Haruko Sakakibara
Sweet Dreams from "Album for the Young"
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

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** Sue Lorens

Joys & Concerns Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Invitation to Confession Sue Lorens

Leader: We are grateful that we do not serve a God who bullies us to enforce God's will, but one who, despite our failings, loves us completely with self-giving, self-sacrificing love. Believing that we are accepted, affirmed and beloved by God, let's confess our sins to God.

Prayer of Confession Sue Lorens

Leader: Almighty God, we thank you for our dads and praise you for being our loving Heavenly Father. Through the power of Your Spirit at work in us, You guide and protect us, You teach and transform us, and enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine.

All: Strengthen us to stand up against the challenges and evil of this world, honoring Your name and trusting Your grace. Forgive us when we do or say harmful things, or neglect the good we could do. Return us to our rightful home in You.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace Sue Lorens

Leader: Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! We pledge to work together to bring God's kingdom into our troubled world. We will be kind to each other, tenderhearted, earthly reminders of God's love.

***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**

Sue Lorens

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 "This Is My Father's World" (#293)**

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature
sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and
trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget that though
the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died
shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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: Psalm 103:13

Miyo Uchida

"Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord
has compassion on those who revere God."

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 22:1-8

Sue Lorens

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him,
"Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son,
your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of
Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the
mountains that I shall show you."

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and
took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut
the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the
place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day
Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham
said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and
I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come
back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering
and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and
the knife.

So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father
Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said,
"The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a
burnt-offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the
lamb for a burnt-offering, my son." So the two of them walked
on together.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"A Father's Faith"

Genesis 22:9-14

When they came to the place that God had shown him,
Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He
bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the
wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife
to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from