

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: Pattie Hashimoto, Cathy Nishizaki
Online Greeter: May Lee
Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Donna Komure-Toyama
Parking: Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator: Lori Hart
Altar Flowers: Cathy Nishizaki

Summerfest is today!!

4:30 pm at Lucky Jade Restaurant



The Celebration of Worship

June 25, 2023 • Summerfest Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Jana Nakase-Lee
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Worship

O God, thank You for this day of life. For eyes to see the sky, for ears to hear the birds, for feet to walk amidst the trees, for a mind to think about and appreciate the magic of everyday miracles, for a spirit to swell in joy at Your mighty presence everywhere.

Thank You God for the rain which grows the trees and makes the leaves green. Thank You God for Your Spirit which grows the will and makes the soul strong. Thank You God for everything. Amen.

- adapted from a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman

Prelude

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*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

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:
Eternal God, your touch makes this world holy.

**People: Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the
splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life.**

Leader: Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, and share
Your blessings with all who accompany us on this life's journey.

**All: Holy Creator, may we reflect Your glory, as we
welcome Your presence, and live empowered by Your
grace.**

*Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#464)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of
doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of
day.

All thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect
thy rays; stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken
praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow,
flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to
rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan. Ever
singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife. Joyful
music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Invitation to Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Let's bring God our hopes, as well as our failures, as we open
our hearts to God in prayer.

*Sending Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (#288)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I
sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The
moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced
them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I
turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the
skies!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories
known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from
Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy
care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present
there.

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.)*

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection

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

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.

Prayer of Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: God of every moment, we admit that we can find the time to fill our stomachs, but not our souls. We can spend hours binge-watching shows, but neglect to notice the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with our friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. Forgive us.

All: God of Glory, remind us that there is a time for everything, so we do have moments in life for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: We are not left to go it alone, but we are offered strength and renewal by the gracious Spirit of God.

People: When we confess our sins to God- immediately, immediately, our sins are forgiven, our life is restored, and God's grace is present to guide us through this life.

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

Jana Nakase-Lee

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 “ 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.

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 24:1

Michael Wright

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.

1st Scripture Reading: Job 12:7-10

Jana Nakase-Lee

But ask the animals, and they will teach you. Or ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you. Speak to the earth, and it will teach you. Or let the fish of the sea tell you.

Every one of these knows that the hand of the Lord has done this. The life of every creature and the breath of all people are in God’s hand.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Waking Up to God”

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beersheba and went to Haran. He came to a certain place and camped for the night since the sun had set. He took one of the stones there, set it under his head and lay down to sleep. And he dreamed: A stairway was set on the ground and it reached all the way to the sky; angels of God were going up and going down on it.

Then God was right before him, saying, “I am God, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. I’m giving the ground on which you are sleeping to you and to your descendants. Your descendants will be as the dust of the Earth; they’ll stretch from west to east and from north to south. All the families of the Earth will bless themselves in you and your descendants. Yes. I’ll stay with you, I’ll protect you wherever you go, and I’ll bring you back to this very ground. I’ll stick with you until I’ve done everything I promised you.”

Jacob woke up from his sleep. He said, “God is in this place—truly. And I didn’t even know it!” He was terrified. He whispered in awe, “Incredible. Wonderful. Holy. This is God’s House. This is the Gate of Heaven.” Jacob was up first thing in the morning. He took the stone he had used for his pillow and stood it up as a memorial pillar and poured oil over it. He christened the place Bethel (God’s House).