

**In Appreciation:**

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**The Celebration of Worship**

July 9, 2023 • 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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| Pastor:          | Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave |
| Worship Leader:  | Jana Nakase-Lee     |
| Pianist:         | Nancy Arata-Fong    |
| Japanese Reader: | Haruko Sakakibara   |

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Almighty God,*

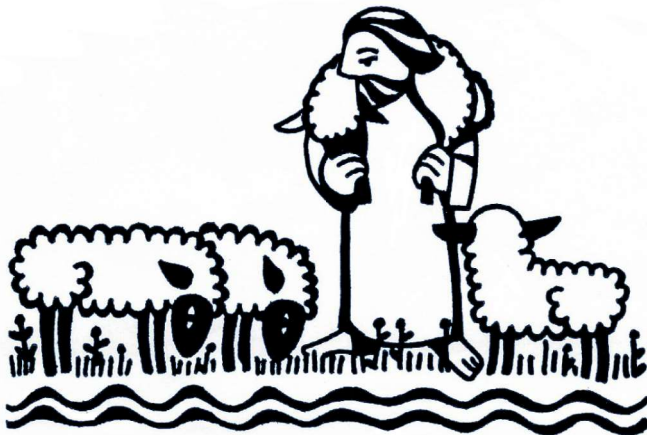
*Take the meaning of our prayer as well as the words, for we sometimes sound better than we are, and sometimes worse. Help us to know that when we cannot understand we are understood; When we do not know, we are known; When we cannot love, we are loved; When we cannot speak, we are heard. Nothing can take us out of Your hands, and You can do for us abundantly more than we can ask or think. Amen.*

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| Prelude | Nancy Arata-Fong |
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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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*



## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: In a culture of doom and gloom, in a world of broken bodies and dashed hopes, Jesus calls us by name and revives us with compassion and healing.

**People: In every moment, God is with us.**

Leader: Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline; God creates community among us to give us strength.

**People: In every place, God is with us.**

**All: We open our hearts to worship the One who hears us and loves us, the One who journeys with us, in the past, in the present, into tomorrow.**

### \*Opening Hymn: "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (#482)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night: till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration, a song let us raise, till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

### 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.*

## 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

Jana Nakase-Lee

## 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: "Let All Things Now Living" (#554)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.

## Invitation to Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: In our lives, we are bossed around by our faults and fears, our poor choices, by pervasive negativity and the hurts we cause to others. But by God's grace, we are set free from all these toxins. Let's join in offering our confession to the One who welcomes each of us with forgiveness and hope.

## Prayer of Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Redeeming God, with You there is always more life, more hope, more joy and laughter.

**People: Risen Lord, laughing at death's foolish belief that the tomb could hold You, You burst forth into the kingdom as the stars peeled with joy.**

Leader: Forgive us for doubting to see Your life at work in the still things, the busy things, the darkest moment, and the everyday routines of life.

**All: Open us now to Your love that lets us known we are seen, heard, and cherished. Fill us with trust, hope and resilience. Amen.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

## Assurance of God's Grace

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Brothers and sisters, in Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and coming again, we are forgiven and set free to live in joy with God and with each other!

## \*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.**

**The Gospel Story**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**\*Hymn of Rejoicing: “Be Still, for the Spirit of the Lord”  
(Worship & Rejoice Hymnal #129)**

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Come, bow before Him now with reverence, do not fear.

In God no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the Spirit of the Lord, the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;

God burns with holy fire, with splendor He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place,

God comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him.

Be still for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

**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: Isaiah 65:24**

Haruko Sakakibara

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: John 10:1-5**

Jana Nakase-Lee

Jesus said, “Let me set this before you as plainly as I can. If a person climbs over or through the fence of a sheep pen instead of going through the gate, you know he's up to no good - a sheep rustler! The shepherd walks right up to the gate. The gatekeeper opens the gate to him and the sheep recognize his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he gets them all out, he leads them and they follow because they are familiar with his voice. They won't follow a stranger's voice but will scatter because they aren't used to the sound of it.”

**Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Summer Sermon Series: “The Spirituality of Being Heard”

Luke 17:11-19

It happened that as Jesus made his way toward Jerusalem, he crossed over the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men, all lepers, met him. They kept their distance but raised their voices, calling out, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!”

Taking a good look at them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” They went, and while still on their way, became clean. One of them, when he realized that he was healed, turned around and came back, shouting his gratitude, glorifying God. He kneeled at Jesus’ feet, so grateful. He couldn’t thank him enough—and he was a Samaritan.

Jesus said, “Were not ten healed? Where are the nine? Can none be found to come back and give glory to God except this outsider?” Then he said to him, “Get up. On your way. Your faith has healed and saved you.”

**Musical Offering**

Nancy Arata-Fong

*Time for silent reflection*