

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain.

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

Janet Hill

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: Miyo Uchida & Diane Younglove

Online Greeter: May Lee

Ushers: Maurine Huang, Diane Younglove

Parking: Gary Younglove

Parking Barriers (Sat) Neil Matsuoka

Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara

Zoom Moderator: Aki Kumagai

Altar Flowers: Ed & Lisa Imura

In Loving Memory of Their Son, Kevin

Coffee Time: Carla Hart, Jana Nakase-Lee, Linda Yasumura



The Celebration of Worship

July 16, 2023 • 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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| Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave |
| Worship Leader: | Steve Hanway |
| Pianist: | Janet Hill |
| Japanese Reader: | Miko Kumagai |

Centering Prayer for Worship

Spirit of the living God, be the Gardener of my soul. Now in the strong name of Jesus, I dare to ask: Clear away the dead growth of the past, Break up the hard clods of custom and routine, Stir in the rich compost of vision and challenge, Bury deep in my soul the implanted Word, Cultivate the water and tend my heart, Until new life buds and opens and flower. Amen.

- Prayers From the Heart by Richard Foster

Prelude Janet Hill

*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

Steve Hanway

Leader: Bless the Lord for the earth God has made, the seas and skies, forests and fields, rivers and gardens.

People: All show Your goodness and glory, awesome Creator. Reveal the power of Your majesty to us.

Leader: Here and now God is among us, beside us, inside us, empowering us for the purposes of heaven.

All: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ. Receive our grateful praise, Lord of all the earth!

*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 re-creation of the new day!

Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: The deep longing of our hearts is to be loved and forgiven by God. As we confess our sins, God speaks peace to us and makes us whole.

*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

Steve Hanway

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: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#473)

Sing verses 1-4

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.

out, Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight. I will always show you where to go. I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places - firm muscles, strong bones.

You'll be like a well-watered garden, a gurgling spring that never runs dry. You'll use the old rubble of past lives to build anew, rebuild the foundations from out of your past. You'll be known as those who can fix anything, restore old ruins, rebuild and renovate, make the community livable again. 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

Janet Hill

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.

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Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: We have wounded your caring heart, O God, by always grasping for more, by judging or fearing those different from us. Forgive us.

People: We stumble in the darkness of life's suffering, forgetting to light a candle and carry Your hope with us. Forgive us.

All: In Your great compassion forgive what we have been, help us change what we are, and guide what we will be, so that we may partner with You in caring for all creation. For the sake of our Savior. Amen

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Steve Hanway

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ ... And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

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

Steve Hanway

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

All: And also with you.

***Hymn of Rejoicing: “All Things Bright and Beautiful”
(#267)**

Refrain. All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings: God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings.

Refrain.

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by, the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:

Refrain.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

Refrain.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell how great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

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: Genesis 2:8-9 and 15 Miko Kumagai

Then God planted a garden in Eden, in the east. God put the Man God had just made in it. God made all kinds of trees grow from the ground, trees beautiful to look at and good to eat.

God took the Man and set him down in the Garden of Eden to work the ground and keep it in order.

1st Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:7-10 Steve Hanway

The Message
Don’t be misled: No one makes a fool of God. What a person plants, they will harvest. The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others—ignoring God!—harvests a crop of weeds. All they’ll have to show for their life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God’s Spirit do the growth work in them, harvests a crop of real life, eternal life. So let’s not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don’t give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Summer Sermon Series: The Spirituality of Being Heard
“The Spirituality of Gardening: Life Lessons Learned in the Garden”

Isaiah 58:6-12 *The Message*
“This is the kind of fast day I’m after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts. What I’m interested in seeing you do is: sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families. Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer. You’ll call out for help and I’ll say, ‘Here I am.’
“If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people’s sins, if you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-