

***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.)*

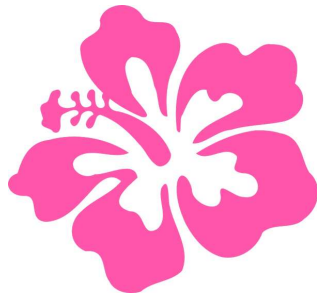
Postlude

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.*

In Appreciation:

Greeters:	Tak Fukuman, Tia Kilpatrick
Ushers:	Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat)	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator & Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Michael & Luda Wright
Aloha Fest:	Julie Chew, Haruko Sakakibara, Lynn Yamamoto, Parkview Presbyterian Women & You!



The Celebration of Worship

August 20, 2023 • Aloha Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Judy Fukuman
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and
the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious provision,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.*

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

***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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, as we gather in Your presence this morning, be our light in this new day. Let our lives reflect Your glory, our words reveal Your goodness, and our actions shine with Your grace.

People: Holy One, the sanctuary of our hearts is Your dwelling place. Sing the song of Your love deep within us.

All: Receive our grateful praise!

*Opening 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.

God’s banners are o’er us; pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shing 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!

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God’s love is sure and steadfast, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. With gratitude and faith, let’s bring our lives to God and ask God to forgive and transform us.

*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.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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

Judy Fukuman

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Holy God, Source of patience and strength, we become frustrated and exhausted so easily, with details and distractions, or by blows to body or spirit that bruise and devastate us.

People: We pray for grace to recognize our faults when we hurt each other, and for humility to seek each other's forgiveness and Yours.

Leader: Help us not give in to anxious fears and gloomy musings, but to trust that You are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of Your calling.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God's Spirit deepens faith, hope and love in us so that our transformed lives bring God glory.

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" (#582 GtG)

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

Judy Fukuman

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

All: And also with you.

Gratitude Moments

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Graduate Recognition

Volunteer Appreciation

***Hymn of Praise: “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (#368)**

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain, I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

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 24:1-2

Miko Kumagai

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.

1st Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:11-13

Judy Fukuman

St. Paul said, “Not that I am referring to being in need; for I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.”

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Spirituality of Contentment”

Matthew 6:25-34 from *The Message*

Jesus said, “If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to God than birds.

Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think God will attend to you, take pride in you, do the best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way God works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.”

Musical Offering

Nancy Arata-Fong

Time for silent reflection