

**\*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

“One Heart, One Mind” by Johann Strauss (1825-1899)

*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:	Judy Fukuman, Luda Wright
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Luda Wright
Parking:	Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Miyo Uchida



**The Celebration of Worship**

October 1, 2023 • World Communion Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Betsy Eskridge
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
Communion Elders:	Steve Hanway, Irene Uno
YES (Youth Education Session):	Jana Nakase-Lee

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Wondrous God, today we gather as a global community around the Table  
you have set for us. The bread is broken, the cup is poured, prayers and  
praise are offered, and with deep gratitude, we remember Jesus, our gracious  
Host. This table is His, after all. He calls us all here to share in the feast  
of his faithful friendship, His everlasting goodness, His saving grace.  
He calls us here, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, gathers us to share  
His life. As we do this in remembrance of Him, may we taste Your  
compassion and be filled with Your passion for justice and peace. Refreshed,  
nurtured, blessed and always thankful, send us out into the world  
empowered by Your love. Amen.*

**Prelude**

Haruko Sakakibara

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

**\*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**

Betsy Eskridge

**Call to Worship**

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Christ Jesus has made us His own!

**People: We join in grateful worship.**

Leader: Christ Jesus has made us His own!

**People: The meal is ready! He invites us to come and share.**

Leader: Christ Jesus has made us his own!

**People: His gift is peace- with God and with each other.**

**All: Together with those who love God throughout the world, we worship God with joy!**

**\*Opening Hymn: “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy” (#430)**

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold  
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold  
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in  
mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate  
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o’er the ages long! In bold  
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

*Children and youth may now leave for YES time.*

**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: “O for a World” (#386)**

O for a world where everyone respects each other’s ways, where  
love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,  
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice  
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are  
wise. Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will  
rise.

O for a world preparing for God’s glorious reign of peace,  
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### Words of Institution

#### Receiving the Elements

### 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

Betsy Eskridge

## Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: In our lives, we are bossed around by our faults and fears, by negativity and our lousy choices. But by God's grace, we are set free from all these toxins. Let's join in offering our confession to the One who yearns to hear and forgive each of us.

## Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Holy One, in a world torn apart by conflict and saturated with tears, you call us to treat each person as our sister and brother. In a society filled with injustice and inequality, You call us to repair broken lives and broken hearts.

**People: Gracious God, as the Church around the world gathers today in response to your gracious invitation, we confess that we don't come to You with a clear conscience. We confess that our lives, our decisions, and our choices are clouded by self-centeredness and sin. Forgive us. Transform us. Make us more like Jesus.**

All: God of clarity and unity, fill our lives with Your Spirit. Empower us follow Jesus in His life-giving work in our world. Amen.

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

## Assurance of God's Grace

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Because God loves us, we will have everything we need; because God forgives us, we have a new beginning; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

**All: Trusting in our Lord, the One who loves and redeems us, we believe the good news of the Gospel. 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** Betsy Eskridge

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

**All: And also with you.**

**The Gospel in Story** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Choir Song**

"We Are Marching in the Light of God"

**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 133:1** Aki Kumagai

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity!

**1st Scripture Reading: John 17:20-21** Betsy Eskridge

Jesus prayed, "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

**Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"A Table for the World"

Matthew 26:26-29 Institution of the Lord's Supper  
While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

**Musical Offering** Haruko Sakakibara

"Remembrance" by Robert Schumann (1810-1856)

*Time for silent reflection*

**\*Communion Hymn: "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table" (#770 GtG)**

*Sing verses 1-4*

I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia. I'm gonna eat at the welcome table; I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia. I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus; I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia. I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers; I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome; Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia. Here all the world will find a welcome; Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.