



The Celebration of Worship

October 8, 2023 • 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Japanese Reader:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Jana Nakase-Lee
Nancy Arata-Fong
Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Loving God,
You invite us into a living partnership with You as You bring Your kingdom in ever-increasing fullness to the world. As we worship, shape us by Your Spirit so that we may be Your people doing works of kindness and justice in the world. Help us trust You to do and provide what only You can do. Refresh and sustain us with the glorious vision of a world to come in which all people will know they belong to You and rest secure in Your love. 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.

** Those who can, please stand*

A colorful poster for a Thanksgiving event. It features various autumn-themed illustrations such as leaves, acorns, berries, and mushrooms. The text is centered and reads: "Parkview THANKSGIVING SHOWTIME 11:20-12:30 Sun, Nov 12, 2023 LET'S GATHER UP THE HARVEST OF OUR TALENTS AND FINANCIAL DONATIONS TO SHOW OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD! APPLICATION DEADLINE : OCT 31 PLEASE EMAIL SAKAKIBARAHARUKO@GMAIL.COM".

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Welcome and Announcements Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Living God, in Christ You make all things new.

People: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of Your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known Your glory;

Leader: May we Your people be illumined by Your Spirit, and shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory,

All: That Christ may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth.

Call to Worship Jana Nakase-Lee

***Opening Hymn: “Great Is the Lord” (#2022 Black Songbook)**

Refrain. Great is the Lord, He are holy and just;
by His power we trust in His love.
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great is the Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice, now lift up your voice:
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Refrain.

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.
Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice, I lift up my voice:
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

Invitation to Confession Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: It is a gift of grace that God wants to hear our prayers and forgive us. God is willing to lean close to our hearts and listen to our failures, our poor choices, all the things we have done wrong. Let’s draw near to God in prayer.

***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: Sue Lorens, Haruko Sakakibara
- Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
- Parking: Tak Fukuman
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Neil Matsuoka
- Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
- Altar Flowers: Mieko Davis

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: "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.

Charge and Benediction Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to
accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

Prayer of Confession Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Faithful God, in Jesus You show us a way of humility
and hospitality with power to transform the world.

**People: Forgive us when we choose to believe we are self-
sufficient rather than trust in Your strength. Give us the
grace to love doing those things that please You.**

Leader: Open us to Your Spirit, that we might serve all people
without keeping score, devoting ourselves to Your honor alone.

**All: Mend our courage and empower our lives that we
might shine for You. Plant us where You need us, we pray
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: We don't go it alone. God gives us the power to change
our ways. God transforms us. God makes a way where there is
no way.

**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)**

***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 Reflection “Be Thou My Vision” (#339)**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won, May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Mieko Davis

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 12:1-4 Jana Nakase-Lee

The Call of Abram
Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”
So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Sermon & 2nd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Thrive Series #1: “Who Are We Called to Be?”

Ephesians 3:16-19
I pray that, according to the riches of God’s glory, God may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through the Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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** Jana Nakase-Lee

Joys & Concerns Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave