



Peace for Ukraine



The Celebration of Worship

October 15, 2023 • 20th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Centering Prayer for Worship

Here we are Lord!

We believe in Your power to change us;

Your creating power making relationships new,

Your redeeming power saving us from despair,

Your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.

As we worship, as we encounter You and pray and listen together, we open ourselves to the transforming power of Your Kingdom, changing our hearts, our lives and our world. Amen!

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*

Call to Worship

Steve Hanway

Leader: This is God’s house, a place of welcome and peace. This is a place to encounter, experience and be embraced by the Lord of Life.

People: From the midst of our real lives with our very real concerns, we come to seek courage and strength from God’s presence.

Leader: We come to be refreshed and inspired by God’s amazing grace.

All: We offer our lives to the One who fills us with compassion, so we might serve the deepest needs of those around us. We rejoice in God’s kindness as we bring praise to our magnificent Creator God!

***Opening Hymn: He Is Exalted (#2070 Black songbook)**

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.
He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. (Sing two times)

(Final time ending) He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: The One who showers earth with rain, who places the sun in the brilliant autumn sky, is the same One who wraps mercy tight around us, who fills our lives with grace. Let’s confess our sins to God who has promised to listen to our hearts, as well as our words.

***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: Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
- Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Lynn Yamamoto
- Parking: Carl Odell
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
- Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
- Altar Flowers: Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara
- Coffee Time: Russ Hart, Dave McGill, Titus Toyama

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: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (#343)**

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: Gracious God, You long for us to be faithful and kind, to live as loving peacemakers in a world desperate for healing and hope.

People: But we know the mistakes we have made, the harsh words we have spoken, the harm we have done by neglecting Your command to love You and our neighbors.

Leader: We continue to do things that break Your heart, our brokenness causes us to ignore others and harm the planet.

All: Forgive us. Pour out your healing Spirit on us, and on our world, we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Steve Hanway

Leader: Seeing our brokenness, God puts us back together. Knowing our desire to be made whole, God loves us and forgives us; God fills us with God's own Life.

All: Thanks be to God for life, for healing of body and spirit, for grace and strength. Glory 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**

Steve Hanway

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Pastor Igor Bilorus

Special Music

Igor Veligan, violin solo

“Sarabande in D minor” by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

***Hymn of Reflection: God of Grace and God of Glory (#420)**

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient church’s story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children’s warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom’s goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore. Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

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 46:10

Miko Kumagai

“Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

1st Scripture Reading: Micah 4:2-3

Steve Hanway

Many nations will come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob, that God may teach us about God’s ways and that we may walk in God’s paths.” [. . .] Then they will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears in to pruning hooks; Nation will not lift up sword against nation, and never again will they train for war.

SermonRev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Pastor Igor Bilorus

A Visit with Pastor Igor Bilorus

Musical InterludeIgor Veligan: violin
Mira Veligan: piano

“Meditation from Thais (French Opera)” by Jules Massenet (1842-1912)

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**

Steve Hanway

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave