



2023 Parkview Thanksgiving Showtime

11:20-12:30 at Sanctuary
Nov. 12, 2023

Program

Emcee: Titus Toyama

- Tia Kilpatrick and Cap City brass group: "The Pacific," "Remember Me"
- Liam Wright: piano "Faldango and Alpine Polka"
- Miko Kumagai: Taiko Drum Fun
- Jonathan Sakakibara: Poem Recitation "Live Your Life" by Chief Tecumseh
- David Fong: piano composition "Etude No.3"
- "A Commercial "
- Hana Davis: Song "A Bird, a Bell and I" written by Misuzu Kaneko
- Haruko Sakakibara: Composition "Song of Siberia" Video (2015)
and violin solo "Sicilienne" (F. Kreisler)
- Photography Club Presentation
- Tia Kilpatrick: Exercise "Time to Stretch, Everyone!"
Offering Time: Judy and Tak Fukuman (Ushers)
- Sakura Chorus: "Dragonflies" "Thank-you Song"
- Donna T. Komure : Japanese Miyo Dancing, Let's dance! "Ichi tasu Ichi (1 + 1)"



The Celebration of Worship

November 12, 2023 • 24th Sunday after Pentecost

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| Pastor: | Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave |
| Worship Leader: | Carla Hart |
| Pianist: | Janet Hill |
| Japanese Reader: | Aki Kumagai |

Centering Prayer for Worship

Almighty God, the seasons turn but Your love is changeless. As we worship You today give us thankful and faithful hearts. We praise You for brilliant blue sky, crisp breezes blowing, maple leaves dancing, the smell of warm cider, the taste of a perfect apple. We are eager for Your touch upon our lives, we wait expectantly for Your Spirit to work in us to make us more like our Beloved Savior. 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.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: Eternal God, Your touch makes this world holy.

People: Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life.

Leader: Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, and share your blessings with all who accompany us on our life's journey.

All: May we reflect Christ's goodness and glory in our lives, confident of his presence, empowered by his grace.

*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!

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: What God asks of us is to remember that God will be with us and work within us. Come before God now, expecting to experience God's transforming presence. Let's entrust our brokenness to God, that we may be made whole.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom

Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman

Parking: Tak Fukuman

Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama

Sound System: Titus Toyama

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee

Altar Flowers: Ian & Mieko Davis

Coffee Time: Carla Hart, Miko Kumagai, Rumi Nozue

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

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

Carla Hart

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: Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#411)

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit’s call obey; show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives’ liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Eternal God, we come to You stressed and distracted and sad in the midst of a world at war.

People: **Preoccupied with news of conflict and despair, and our own concerns, we forget the wonders You have made in this world. Open our hearts to recognize that we live in a world bursting with opportunity and beauty.**

Leader: Forgive us for overlooking our endless blessings, for letting our lives be shaped by crises and complaints instead of a desire to bring You glory.

All: **Help us be a church that practices gratitude as we partner with You to build the world into a beloved community where everyone thrives, and all are treated with dignity and respect. Amen.**

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: God's love is more determined than our despair; God's joy is more resilient than our fear; God's love is more powerful than our guilt and shame.

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

Carla Hart

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

All: **And also with you.**

Children’s Message

Sue Goodwin

***Hymn of Reflection: I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me (#369)**

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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: Isaiah 40:28-31

Aki Kumagai

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable. God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted, but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 4:8-11

Carla Hart

Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God's words; if help, let it be

God's hearty help. That way, God's bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and He'll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything—encores to the end of time.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Matthew 25 Series #2 - Congregational Vitality

“The Talents: An Investment Story - Use It or Lose It”

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, “It's also like a man going off on an extended trip. He called his servants together and delegated responsibilities. To one he gave five thousand dollars, to another two thousand, to a third one thousand, depending on their abilities. Then he left. Right off, the first servant went to work and doubled his master's investment. The second did the same. But the man with the single thousand dug a hole and carefully buried his master's money. “After a long absence, the master of those three servants came back and settled up with them.

The one given five thousand dollars showed him how he had doubled his investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant with the two thousand showed how he also had doubled his master's investment. His master commended him: ‘Good work! You did your job well. From now on be my partner.’ “The servant given one thousand said, ‘Master, I know you have high standards and hate careless ways, that you demand the best and make no allowances for error. I was afraid I might disappoint you, so I found a good hiding place and secured your money. Here it is, safe and sound down to the last cent.’

“The master was furious. ‘That's a terrible way to live! It's criminal to live cautiously like that! If you knew I was after the best, why did you do less than the least? The least you could have done would have been to invest the sum with the bankers, where at least I would have gotten a little interest. “Take the thousand and give it to the one who risked the most. And get rid of this “play-it-safe” who won't go out on a limb. Throw him out into utter darkness.’