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The Celebration of Worship

November 19, 2023 • 25th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Pianist: Janet Hill
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
YES (Youth Education Session): Lois Van Beers

Centering Prayer for Worship

Blessed are You, Giver of all good things, Bringer of Light and Love and Life eternal, for giving us this new day, this unique moment like no other. Source of All Gratitude, we bring You our lives and worship from grateful hearts. 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Bring your gratitude to God and share your stories of blessings!

People: Awesome, wondrous God, as the trees reflect the dazzling autumn sun, so may our lives reflect Your glory.

Leader: Creator God, You have made an intricate and diverse world, and set us in it to cultivate it reverently and responsibly.

All: We come to You with thanksgiving. We gather to worship You, God of Generosity, from whom all blessings flow! Amen.

*Opening Hymn: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (#551)

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home. All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin; God, our Maker, does provide for our wants to be supplied: Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto God's praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home: from each field shall in that day all offenses purge away; give the angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in God's garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home; gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin; there forever purified, in Thy presence to abide: come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

*Sending Hymn: Let All Things Now Living (#2008 black songbook)

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to the end of our days.

God's banners fly o'er us; God's light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

The law God enforces, the stars in their courses, and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim the 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!

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.

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

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.

Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: The Thanksgiving season provides an opportunity for us to be aware of God's blessings to us and to the world, and to reflect on the ways we have failed to appreciate and share those blessings.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Eternal God, we come to you stressed and distracted and in need of a spirit of gratitude this Thanksgiving season.

People: Preoccupied with holiday plans, we live with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love to go around.

Leader: You have made a world of abundance and intend for us to share so that everyone benefits from the blessings of hospitality and community, justice and opportunity.

All: Give us open hearts and open hands that are glad to share Your gifts with all the world. Strengthen our connection with You through acts of generosity and kindness that build Your Kingdom on earth. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Out of God's abundant kindness, God pours grace into our lives, so we may experience, and share, God's hope and joy.

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** Donna Komure-Toyama

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

All: And also with you.

Choir Song

“Bless this House”

Evacuation Drill Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children and youth may leave for YES after the drill.

***Hymn of Reflection: Now Thank We All Our God (#555)**

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, has blessed us on our way with
countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our lives be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep
us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us
from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given. The one eternal
God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

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: Colossians 2:6-7 Miyo Uchida

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue
to live your lives in Him, rooted and built up in Him and
established in the faith, just as you were taught, let your hearts
overflow with thanksgiving.

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 95:1-6 Donna Komure-Toyama

Come, let’s shout praises to God,
raise the roof for the One who saved us!
Let’s march into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
lifting the rafters with our hymns!

And why? Because God is the best, High King over all the gods.
In one hand God holds deep caves and caverns, in the other
hand grasps the high mountains.
God made Ocean—God owns it! God’s hands sculpted Earth!

So come, let us worship: bow before God, who made us!

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Thank You Power: What Gratitude Can Do”

Luke 11:17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region
between Samaria and Galilee. As He entered a village, ten lepers
approached Him. Keeping their distance, they called out,
saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When He saw them,
He said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And
as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when
he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a
loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked
Him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten
made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of
them found to return and give praise to God except this
foreigner?” Then He said to him, “Get up and go on your way;
your faith has made you well.”

Musical Interlude Janet Hill