

***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 Goodwin, Miyo Uchida
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Neil Matsuoka
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama



The Celebration of Worship

February 4, 2024 • 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Donna Komure-Toyama
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis
YES:	Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer

God of our hopes and dreams, we are empty, and long to be filled; we are hungry, and long to be fed; we are lost, and long to be found. Gather us into Your love, and pick up the pieces of our lives, just as Jesus gathered up the fragments of the five loaves and two fish that remained after feeding the five thousand. Call us anew to find our true nourishment in Jesus, the bread of heaven. 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.

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: The Gospel of Matthew says, “When Jesus heard what had happened, He withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place.” What had happened? There had been a tragic death. Herod had killed Jesus’ cousin, John the Baptist.

People: Jesus went to God with his grief. We come into God’s presence today with whatever has happened this week. With our joy and our anxiety, with our happiness and our hurt. We draw near to God in worship.

Leader: Hearing Jesus was near by, the crowds from the towns followed him. When Jesus landed the boat, he saw a large crowd and had compassion on them. He healed them and fed them.

All: No matter what we bring in our hearts to worship, Jesus draws near to us with compassion. God’s Spirit refreshes us and renews us for service.

*Opening Hymn: God Is Here! (#461)

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd’s flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day’s dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

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 Thousand Tongues to Sing (#466)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God’s grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
‘Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ‘Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean, Christ’s blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church. (Ephesians 3:20)

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Let's prepare ourselves to receive God's cleansing grace as, in words and silence, we tell God the truth about the broken edges of our lives, the broken edges of the world and the church.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God of signs and wonders, of body and bread, You have modeled Your generous love for us in the gift of Your son Jesus Christ. Gracious God, fill our hearts with gratitude for all that You have given us.

People: Transform our hearts, so that we may reflect Your generosity, gladly sharing our possessions, our food, our worship and our lives with our neighbors.

All: Move us from complacency to compassion and from apathy to action. So that we might be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: While we were still hostile toward God, Jesus invited us to the table to feast. In His compassion, he gave His body and His blood for us.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, God forgives us and feeds us grace today. 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.

Children's Message

Sue Goodwin

Choir Song

"Bless This House"

by May H. Brahe

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

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: John 6:33-35

Mieko Davis

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; anyone who comes to me shall not hunger, and those who believe in me shall never thirst.

1st Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Donna K.-Toyama

Elisha Feeds 100 Men

A man came from Baal-shalishah bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord: They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them; they ate and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Series: Making All Things New #3 - "Timing Is Everything"

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick.

Toward evening the disciples approached him. "We're out in the country and it's getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper." But Jesus said, "There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper." "All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish," they said. Jesus said, "Bring them here." Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

Communion Hymn: Come, Share the Lord (#2269 black songbook)

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame; for through the loving Son the Father makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the One we love the most is now our gracious Host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head: though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.