



Holy Dates:

February 14:	Ash Wednesday
February 18:	First Sunday in Lent
March 24:	Palm Sunday
March 29:	Good Friday
March 31:	Easter Day



The Celebration of Worship

February 11, 2024 • Transfiguration of the Lord

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Carla Hart
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright
YES:	Julie Chew

Centering Prayer

Holy God, as we experience the joy of being together as a family of faith, we long to enter into Your presence. In this moment, and in every moment, may we glimpse Your grace which comes to us to transform our lives. As we worship, give us faith to see Your glory in our Lord Jesus Christ so that we may be changed into His likeness and become more fully who You created us to be. Amen.

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

*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*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek You,
You reveal the beauty of Your face.

**People: On the mountain Your Son Jesus was transfigured
by Your divine splendor.**

**All: In His face, we have glimpsed Your glory, in His life,
we see Your love. With adoration, we proclaim Your glory
and sing Your praise.**

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

Sing twice

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.

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: God receives us when we turn to God. With joy, God
embraces us; with gentleness, God listens to us; with
graciousness, God forgives us; Let's open our lives to God's
Spirit and tell God how it is with us.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Gracious God, we admit that we have fallen short of
Your will for us. We haven't loved You or our neighbors as You
command.

**People: We haven't cared for creation, including
ourselves, according to your will. What we intend, we
haven't gotten around to doing; what we try to avoid, we
end up doing. Forgive us.**

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, 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

Haruko Sakakibara

"Siciliana" by Gottlieb Muffat

*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: Judy Fukuman, Diane Younglove
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Lynn Yamamoto
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara
Sound System: Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers: Betsy Eskridge, Lois Van Beers

***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: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#376)**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in Thee inherit; let us find the promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

All: May our lives and our world be transformed by Your loving glory. Fill us with Your Spirit so that what we think and say and do brings honor to You. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Carla Hart

Leader: God gives us new strength and hope for the journey, calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: "All of us, with unveiled faces, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; this comes from the Lord, the Spirit." (2 Corinthians 3:18)

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***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, Donna Komure-Toyama

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

Hymn of Reflection: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (#263)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unceasing, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changes Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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: 2 Corinthians 4:6 Michael Wright

For God who said, “Light shall shine out of darkness,” is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

1st Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-18 Carla Hart

We weren’t, you know, just wishing on a star when we laid the facts out before you regarding the powerful return of our Master, Jesus Christ. We were there for the preview! We saw it with our own eyes: Jesus resplendent with light from God the Father as the voice of Majestic Glory spoke:

“This is my Son, marked by my love, focus of all my delight.” We were there on the holy mountain with him. We heard the voice out of heaven with our very own ears.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“A Radiant Retreat”

Luke 9:28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah’—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Musical Interlude Haruko Sakakibara

“Water Largo” by Junichi Kamiyama

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.