

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: Miyo Uchida, Diane Younglove
Ushers: Maurine Hunag, Titus Toyama
Parking: Dave McGill
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Altar Flowers: Sue Goodwin
in celebration of her mother's life



The Celebration of Worship

March 17, 2024 • 5th Sunday in Lent & St. Patrick's Day

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Sue Goodwin
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Lenten Worship

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.*

*I arise today through a mighty strength,
in the invocation of the Trinity,
through belief in the Threeness,
through confession of the Oneness,
of the Creator of Creation.*

- From *St. Patrick's Breastplate Prayer*

* Those who can, please stand

Prelude

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*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

Call to Worship

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Morning dawns and love awakens. A new day breaks for all creation.

People: Tender blossoms, turning to the sunlight, open with glorious color and fragrance.

Leader: Springtime will come again as we walk toward wholeness on our Lenten journey.

All: We lift our hymns and prayers and hearts in praise to our beautiful, marvelous Savior.

*Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (#306)

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

*Sending Hymn: Be Thou My Vision (#339)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*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.)

God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God;

Musical Interlude

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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

Sue Goodwin

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

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Neither this world, nor your life, is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. The world isn't as it should be, but God is at work putting things right; reminding us not to remain comfortable with the way things are.

All: As we come to God in prayer, may we hear God's Spirit speaking to us and re-commit ourselves to living the way God intends.

Prayer of Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Almighty God, our Redeemer, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

People: You call us to attend to urgent needs in our world, but in our hurried lives we sometimes fail to be messengers of Your love and grace.

Leader: Forgive us when we treat strangers with fear and suspicion, when we vent our anger on those who care about us the most. Forgive us when we give in to self-pity or lose our sense of humor.

All: Give us Your heart so that we can give others Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God's Grace

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Be amazed by our Redeemer's love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, rises in power over death, and leads us to new life.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave Yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Companion of the lonely, Shelter from the storm, Your love frees us to leave our sins behind and partner with God in renewing the world.

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** Sue Goodwin

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

All: And also with you.

Choir Song

"He Looked Beyond My Fault" Arr. Tom Fettke

PPW Officer Installation Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

See insert.

Hymn of Reflection: Grace Alone (#2162 black songbook)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,
every difference we will make is only by his grace.
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

Refrain. Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every
sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

Refrain.

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: Philippians 1:12 Mieko Davis

"For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

1st Scripture Reading: Colossians 3:12-14 Sue Goodwin

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Lenten Series: Ladder to the Light #5

"The Rung of Renewal"

Genesis 45:1-8

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest.