

***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

“Andante Maestoso” by Benedetto Marcello (Italy 1686-1739)

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, Cathy Nishizaki
- Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
- Parking: Russ Hart
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill
- Sound System: Dave McGill
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
- Altar Flowers: Aki & Miko Kumagai,
in memory of Aki’s father, Ichiro Kumagai

Holy Week Bible Study at Parkview

Join Parkview friends for a zoom Bible study to discuss “The Meaning of the Cross” this Tuesday night, March 26, at 6 pm. The death of Jesus on the cross is the central event of our Christian faith - what does it mean? We will look at the connection with the Old Testament Passover event for more understanding. Everyone is welcome! Zoom link and scripture readings available on our website: <https://parkviewpc.org/>.



The Celebration of Worship

March 24, 2024 • Palm Sunday

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
- Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Lenten Worship

O God, we are like the people of Jerusalem so long ago. We are hungry for a hero. We are starving for the spectacular. We are gathered here like those who watched the palm parade in Jerusalem, craning our necks to catch a glimpse of our Messiah. As crowds of people welcomed Jesus when he rode into Jerusalem, so we welcome you and give you praise. We love you, God, and have come to worship you and bear your Word. Give us faith and courage to follow where the One on the donkey might lead us. Amen.

- Ruth Duck in *Touch Holiness*

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

“Hosanna! Hosanna!”

** Those who can, please stand*

***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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: We come to experience the holiest of weeks. We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips; we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our hearts.

People: Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for He is the Life we long for, He is the One who sustains us.

Leader: We wave palm branches in celebration, we lay our love before Him, to cushion His walk.

People: Setting aside all power, glory, and might, He comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. People: Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna in the highest!

***Opening Hymn: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (#89)**

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;
to Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
the victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,
nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.

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: When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (#101)**

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

If anyone asks, ‘What are you doing?’ say, ‘The Master needs him, and will return him right away.’”

They went and found a colt tied to a door at the street corner and untied it. Some of those standing there said, “What are you doing untying that colt?” The disciples replied exactly as Jesus had instructed them, “The Master needs him, and will return him right away.” and the people let them alone. They brought the colt to Jesus, spread their coats on it, and he mounted.

The people gave him a wonderful welcome, some throwing their coats on the street, others spreading out rushes they had cut in the fields. Running ahead and following after, they were calling out,

Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in God’s name!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!

Hosanna in highest heaven!

Musical Interlude Haruko Sakakibara
“Libra” by Junichi Kamiyama (Japan 1948 -)

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** Jonathan Sakakibara

Joys & Concerns Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice, and in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Invitation to Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: As we offer our prayers of confession to God, remember that God chooses to forget about our past; forgiving us so we may embrace the new life and new hope God offers to us in grace.

Prayer of Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Ever-constant God, mixing love and hope together, You pave the way to Your Kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation.

People: You teach us the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus sin plays in the background of our lives. Forgive us, God of Holiness.

Leader: Making a way through all the harmful choices and mistakes of our lives, God, You lead us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and peace.

All: By Your guiding Spirit, may we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following You.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption; setting aside anger, God embraces us with love. God brings healing for our brokenness, hope for our troubled lives, and peace for our anxious minds.

People: Forgiven and freed from sin, we notice what God has done for us and what God is doing in us. We rejoice in God, Who offers us love which never fades, life which never ends.

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** Jonathan Sakakibara

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

All: And also with you.

Palm Sunday Song

"Ride On, King Jesus" arr. Larry Shackley
Soloist: Tina Harris

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Hymn of Reflection: All Glory, Laud and Honor (#88)

Refrain. All glory, laud and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

Refrain.

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before Thee we present.

Refrain.

To Thee, before Thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.

Refrain.

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!

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: Zechariah 9:9 Michael Wright

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of
Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and
victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the
foal of a donkey.

1st Scripture Reading: John 12:12-15 Jonathan Sakakibara

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took
branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting,
"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—
the King of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:
"Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.

Look, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey's colt!"

Choir Song

"Let the Redeemed of the Lord" by Michael Barrett

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Palm Sunday Sermon - "Donkey Fetchers"

Mark 11:1-10 *The Message* Bible Translation

When they were nearing Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany
on Mount Olives, he sent off two of the disciples with
instructions: "Go to the village across from you. As soon as
you enter, you'll find a colt tethered, one that has never yet been
ridden. Untie it and bring it.