

No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy throne above.

*Refrain.*

**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**

Wade Tambara

*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: Betsy Eskridge, Luda Wright

Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai

Parking: Carl Odell

Parking Barriers (Sat): Jonathan Sakakibara

Sound System: Dave McGill

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart

Altar Flowers: Edwin & Lisa Imura,

In memory of Edwin’s parents, Takeo & Frances Imura

Special Easter Coffee Time: PPW - Circle 1



**The Celebration of Worship**

March 31, 2024 • Resurrection of the Lord

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Judy Fukuman
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Julie Chew, Jana Nakase-Lee

**Centering Prayer for Easter Sunday Worship**

*Holy God, Who can change night into day and darkness into light,  
and to Whom even death is not an end,  
we come to worship You this day and praise You for  
Your resurrection power.*

*Living Redeemer, God of all,  
fill our lives with courage and hope and roll away the stone  
of every resistance to Your will.*

*We praise You that Your glory has dawned on us,  
and brought us to this Day of Resurrection!  
Thanks be to You, O God, for Your indescribable gift  
of new life in Jesus Christ!*

**Prelude**

Wade Tambara

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*\* 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.**

**Easter Greeting**

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We begin our Easter worship service with the greeting the Christian Church has proclaimed for centuries on Easter morning. Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen indeed!**

**\*Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#123)**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which He endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

**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**

Judy Fukuman

**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: Thine Is the Glory (#122)**

*Refrain.* Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory Thou o'er death has won.

Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

*Refrain.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, Risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.

*Refrain.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading:** Luke 24:1-6

Judy Fukuman

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus out of Galilee came to the tomb bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men suddenly stood near them in dazzling clothing; and as the women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the Living One among the dead? He is not here, but He has risen."

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Four Truths and a Lie" Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

**Musical Interlude**

Wade Tambara

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Invitation to Confession**

Judy Fukuman

Leader: In raising Jesus from the grave God shattered the power of sin and death and offered salvation to the whole world. But we remain captive to doubt and fear and shame. Trusting God's power to help us change our lives, let's confess our faults and failings to God.

**Prayer of Confession**

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Emptier of tombs, in this springtime season, we confess how anxious and broken we are.

**People: When our faith can see no further than shattered dreams and dead ends, help us trust in Your life-giving Presence bringing hope from despair.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain You.

**People: Lord of Life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that enslaves us: shame, greed, addictions, bitterness, and hopelessness. Roll away the stones of doubt and despair from our hearts! Set us free to become Your Easter people!**

**All: Holy God, through the power of Jesus' resurrection change our lives, and use us to transform the world. So that all of creation may be filled with the abundant life of our Risen Lord.**

*Time for silent reflection and confession to God*

**Assurance of God's Grace**

Judy Fukuman

Leader: All creation shouts the good news of resurrection. Cherry and pear blossoms nod their yes to the heavens, springtime birds offer their sunrise songs of praise. To God be the glory, great things God has done!

**All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior, 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**

Judy Fukuman

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Choir Song**

“Christ Arose!”

**Children’s Message:** “Peace Like a River”

I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river,  
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean,  
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain,  
I’ve got joy like a fountain in my soul.

I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river,  
I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river,  
I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river in my soul.

I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river,  
I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river,  
I’ve got peace, love, joy like a river in my soul.

*Children and youth may now leave for YES.*

**Hymn of Reflection:** Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (#106)

*Refrain.* Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

*Refrain.*

Spread the good news o’er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen.

*Refrain.*

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

*Refrain.*

Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

*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:** 1 Peter 1:3

Miko Kumagai

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.