



DEIB Workshop

After worship today, please join us in the social hall for a presentation on Diversity, Equality, Inclusion & Belonging by Europa Grace. Europa will focus on LGBTQ+ inclusion and experience. A light lunch will be served before the interactive workshop. Everyone is welcome to this free event.



The Celebration of Worship

April 14, 2024 • 2nd Sunday in Eastertide

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jana Nakase-Lee
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
YES:	Julie Chew

Centering Prayer for Worship

Redeeming God, Your life has dawned on us this glorious Eastertide, and we surround You with grateful praise. The tomb has been opened, and we walk into new life with You. Risen Lord, You breathe peace into our souls, so that we may bring Your healing and hope to a troubled world. Holy Spirit, You show us Your compassion and joy, so that we may live forever in God's transforming love. 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.

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Gracious God, we praise You for the springtime splendor of this day.

People: God of resurrection power, in the light of this new day we see the dawning of Your new creation where hope is available to anyone who needs it.

Leader: Thank you, God, for bringing good news of death-defying life and possibility into every moment.

All: May our lives be proof of the life-changing good news: Jesus Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!

*Opening Hymn: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in
mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

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

Nancy Arata-Fong

"Suite No.4: Allemande," by Henry Purcell (England 1659-95)
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:	Cathy Nishizaki, Diane Younglove
Ushers:	Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Parking:	Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Glenn & Evelyn Kubota

***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**

Jana Nakase-Lee

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: To God Be the Glory (#485)**

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

Invitation to Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: When we keep our faults and failures locked away, and think we have nothing to confess, we can get stuck in destructive attitudes and habits. But when we open ourselves to God, God comes to fill us with forgiveness and fresh hope.

Prayer of Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: God of empty tombs and anxious people: when we hesitate to talk about what You mean to us because we’re not sure what others will think of us, forgive us, and give us holy boldness.

People: When we find it hard to love and listen to each other, forgive us, and give us Your patience and compassion.

Leader: When we stay locked behind our fear and doubts, forgive us, and send us out to share Your abundant kindness.

All: When we can’t believe Your words of new life are meant for us, forgive us, and fill us with Your joy.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Our Risen Lord comes into every shadowed corner of our lives with the light of Easter.

People: Our Risen Lord comes to forgive us and fill us with peace, so that we may share God’s love and justice with everyone.

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** Jana Nakase-Lee
Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All: And also with you.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Children and youth may now leave for YES.

Hymn of Reflection: O How He Loves You and Me
(#2108 black songbook)

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

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 Aki Kumagai
By God's great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1st Scripture Reading: John 20:19-25 Jana Nakase-Lee
Later on that day, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the Jews, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side. The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as the Father sent me, I send you." Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive

the Holy Spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master." But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Eastertide Series: Easter Practices "Letting God In"
John 20:26-31

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe." Thomas said, "My Master! My God!" Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes. Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

Musical Interlude Nancy Arata-Fong

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.