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The Celebration of Worship

April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Eastertide



Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Liam Wright
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Jana Nakase-Lee

Centering Prayer for Worship

Lord, teach us to be patient with life, with people, and with ourselves. We sometimes try to hurry too much and push for answers before the time is right. Teach us to trust Your sense of timing rather than our own and help us surrender our will to Your greater and wiser plan. Amen.

- from *Happy Heart Daily Inspiration*

Prelude Janet Hill

***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

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Liam Wright

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

People: Now we're graced, and now forgiven, now we're blessed and joy is given.

Leader: Encountering God's peace and majesty as we worship,

All: We rejoice with songs and prayers and hearts uplifted.

*Opening Hymn: Shout to the Lord

(#2074 black songbook)

Refrain. Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands

Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

Refrain.

Invitation to Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: It's not easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, we are called to live in peace. This means we have to admit how we've hurt God, others, and ourselves, so we can be forgiven and restored to new life. Let's open our hearts to God in prayer.

*Sending Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (#356)

Come, Thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come; and I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

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

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.

Moses said to Aaron, “What on Earth did these people ever do to you that you involved them in this huge sin?” Aaron said, “Master, don’t be angry. You know this people and how set on evil they are. They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will lead us. This Moses, the man who brought us out of Egypt, we don’t know what’s happened to him.’ So I said, ‘Who has gold?’ And they took off their jewelry and gave it to me. I threw it in the fire and out came this calf.”

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

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

Liam Wright

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.

Prayer of Confession

Liam Wright

Leader: Faithful God, like our ancestors in the faith, we are impatient.

People: They didn’t want to wander in the wilderness, we don’t want to wait in traffic.

Leader: Help us turn our impatience into mindfulness and action. Focus our frustration on the things that need to be changed.

People: God, we don’t want to wait any longer for wars to end. We don’t want to wait any longer for hunger and homelessness to end. We don’t want to wait any longer for everyone to have enough of what they need to thrive.

All: O God, empower us to acts of kindness and justice, so all may experience the saving love of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Time for silent reflection and confession to God

Assurance of God’s Grace

Liam Wright

Leader: Nourished at a picnic in Your garden of grace, O God, our impatient, shredded souls are anointed by Your healing;

People: God’s grace infuses our weary hearts and blesses our world with more than enough love and hope to go around.

All: We believe the Good New of the Gospel. 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

Liam Wright

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Hymn of Reflection: "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my
heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart, Lord,
I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my
heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my
heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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: Galatians 5:22-23

Miko Kumagai

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such
things there is no law.

1st Scripture Reading: Romans 5:3-5

Liam Wright

There's more to come: We continue to shout our praise even
when we're hemmed in with troubles, because we know how
troubles can develop passionate patience in us, and how that
patience in turn forges the tempered steel of virtue, keeping us
alert for whatever God will do next.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon Series on Easter Practices - Patience

Exodus 32:1-24

When the people realized that Moses was taking forever in
coming down off the mountain, they rallied around Aaron and
said, "Do something. Make gods for us who will lead us. That
Moses, the man who got us out of Egypt—who knows what's
happened to him?"

So Aaron told them, "Take off the gold rings from the ears of
your wives and sons and daughters and bring them to me."
They all did it; they removed the gold rings from their ears and
brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from their hands and
cast it in the form of a calf, shaping it with an engraving tool.
The people responded with enthusiasm: "These are your gods,
O Israel, who brought you up from Egypt!" Aaron, taking in
the situation, built an altar before the calf. Aaron then
announced, "Tomorrow is a feast day to God!"

Early the next morning, the people got up and offered Whole-
Burnt-Offerings and brought Peace-Offerings. The people sat
down to eat and drink and then began to party. It turned into a
wild party! God spoke to Moses, "Go! Get down there! Your
people whom you brought up from the land of Egypt have
fallen to pieces. In no time at all they've turned away from the
way I commanded them: They made a molten calf and
worshiped it. Moses turned around and came down from the
mountain, carrying the two tablets of The Testimony.