

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will
provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

*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:	Sue Goodwin, Miyo Uchida
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Tom Tambara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

June 2, 2024 • 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson
Worship Leader:	Christine Umeda
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miyo Uchida
Communion Elders:	Carla Hart, Cathy Nishizaki
YES:	Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper
you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

Prelude

Wade Tambara

*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. Kim Nelson

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: In all times and in all places, God is with us.

All: God's love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.

Leader: Shout for joy!

All: Sing praises to God!

Leader: Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.

All: Lord, make us ready to serve You. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: God Is Here! (#461)

God is here! As we Your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.

Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.

Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace; here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place. Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech, here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.

Here our children find a welcome in the Shepherd's flock and fold, here, as bread and wine are taken, Christ sustains us as of old. Here the servants of the Servant seek in worship to explore what it means in daily living to believe and to adore.

Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt keep us faithful to the gospel, help us work Your purpose out. Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive: we, who cannot live without You, we adore You! We believe!

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Please remain standing and join me in our Prayer of Confession. May God who alone knows the depths of the human heart give us the gift of humility, that we may see our own sins clearly and refrain from judging our neighbor.

*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

Christine Umeda

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

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: Here I Am, Lord (#525)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.

I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain.

In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, look for God. Do this in remembrance of me.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Receiving the Elements

Prayer after Communion

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.

Let's ask God's Spirit to lead us in reflection and repentance as we pray.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Lord, forgive us when we see Your miracles all around us and still doubt Your power, presence and love.

People: Forgive us when we treat this world and each other with careless indifference or with malice.

Leader: You, who have created the most wondrous things from the smallest of particles, can create in our hearts confidence and hope.

All: Free us, Lord, to receive Your blessings and, having received them, to find the numerous ways in which we can serve You. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen.

A Time for Contemplation

This time of quiet is offered to encourage you to share your personal thoughts with God as well as listen to God through the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Assurance of God's Grace

Christine Umeda

Leader: Do not doubt God's power and might! It is God who has created all that is! It is God who has called to your hearts and spirits. God is with you.

All: Praise be to God. 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

Christine Umeda

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

Choir Song

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: Psalm 139:4-6

Miyo Uchida

Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

1st Scripture Reading: I Samuel 3:1-10

Christine Umeda

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy.

Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Sermon:

Rev. Dr. Kim Nelson

"Teachable Moments"

Mark 2:23-28

One sabbath he was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

***Communion Hymn:** In Remembrance of Me (#2254 black songbook)

In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your neighbors in, let them in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; drink and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you.