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The Celebration of Worship

June 9, 2024 • Pride Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Julie Chew

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy One,
 Today we celebrate Pride — the gift of living into the fullness of who You have created us to be. Bless all who celebrate this weekend with joy in the knowledge that they belong.
 Gracious God, we come together to worship You with gratitude. For those of us with aching hearts, may this time heal us. We commit ourselves to deeper connection; to listen more, to see and witness, seeking compassion over conflict, hope over hate. We dismiss the false unity of sameness, and celebrate diversity, woven in the unity of love. For You created us for community, and made us all in Your image. We give thanks for all the ways that Love finds us. Together we are the rainbow colors of love. May Your Spirit strengthen and inspire us for our shared ministry of justice You have called us to make happen in this world. Amen.*

* Those who can, please stand



Sacramento Pride is today!
March with Parkview!
Meet outside the front of the church after worship.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Haruko Sakakibara

Leader: When we rise in the morning sun, O God, we taste the possibility of hope and joy. We gather to celebrate Your grace-filled presence in our lives and in our world.

People: We gather in God's presence to find comfort for our pain and hope to share with the world.

Leader: We gather to be refreshed by God's Spirit Who fills our hearts and connects us as family.

All: We gather to praise God and join God's ongoing work of reconciliation in the world.

*Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (#487)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus
I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky
from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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

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.

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

Haruko Sakakibara

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: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Our holy God, whose Spirit is poured out on all flesh, came that we might have life more abundantly, but that abundance eludes too many of us. To have any hope of the world realizing God's abundance, we must begin by telling the truth about ourselves. Trusting in our Partner in grace, let's bring our lives to God.

Prayer of Confession

Haruko Sakakibara

Leader: Nothing changes until we listen. Until we listen to God's Spirit, listen to each other, until we listen to the parts of ourselves we are afraid to listen to. Especially in the times when we don't understand, when we feel defensive, when we want to turn away. In those moments, the Spirit has something to say to us.

People: We confess that we usually don't take time to listen for God's Spirit. We're in a hurry to get things done, or we worry that we may not hear anything but our own anxious thoughts.

Leader: God, teach us how to hear You, and how to love ourselves, and each other, as You love us. Help us see Your image in everyone we meet. As we venture beyond our doors, we pray for wisdom.

All: Lord, hear our prayer: For the mending of hearts torn apart by unkind words and brutal actions. For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us, and within us.

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

Haruko Sakakibara

Leader: Hear the good news of the gospel: God doesn't leave us where God finds us. This is the promise made to us by the God who created us in God's own image.

People: God helps us release our attachment to our current world order so that, empowered by God, we can create the equitable world God intends for us all.

All: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are beloved. Thanks be to God. Amen.

***Response to God's Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me (#582 Glory to God)

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**

Haruko Sakakibara

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: Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#411)

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of Your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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: Jeremiah 29:11

Miko Kumagai

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord, "plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future you hoped for."

1st Scripture Reading: Psalm 139:13-14

Haruko Sakakibara

Oh yes, You shaped me first inside, then out; You formed me in my mother's womb. I thank you, God—you're breathtaking! Body and soul, I am marvelously made! I worship You in adoration. Wonderful are Your works, and my soul knows it very well.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Seasons of Life: Embracing the Day"

Psalm 150

Hallelujah! Praise God in the sanctuary; praise God in the mighty firmament! Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to God's surpassing greatness! Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp! Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with strings and pipe! Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud crashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise God! Hallelujah!

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong