

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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

Haruko Sakakibara

“Divertimenti” by Francesco Durante (1684-1755)

*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:	Pattie Hashimoto, Miko Kumagai
Ushers:	Carla Hart, Donna Komure-Toyama
Parking:	Russ Hart
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Nave Family



The Celebration of Worship

June 23, 2024 • Summerfest Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Betsy Eskridge
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Worship

*O God, thank You for this day of life. For eyes to see the sky, for ears to
hear the birds, for feet to walk amidst the trees, for a mind to think about
and appreciate the magic of everyday miracles, for a spirit to swell in joy
at Your mighty presence everywhere. Thank You God for the rain which
grows the trees and makes the leaves green. Thank You God for Your
Spirit which grows the will and makes the soul strong. Thank You God
for everything. Amen.*

- adapted from a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

*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

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:
Eternal God, Your touch makes the world holy.

**People: Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the
splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life.**

**Leader: Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us, and
share Your blessings with all who accompany us on this
life's journey.**

**All: Holy Creator, may we reflect Your glory, as we
welcome Your presence, and live empowered by Your
grace.**

***Opening Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King (#455)**
Sing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way, O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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

Betsy Eskridge

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#276)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow
of turning with Thee; Thou changest not; Thy compassions
they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

Noah did everything God commanded him to do. (Then came lots of rain, water everywhere. After weeks, the water receded).

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Rainbow Is a Promise”

Genesis 9:8-16

Then God spoke to Noah and his sons: “I’m setting up my covenant with you including your children who will come after you, along with everything alive around you—birds, farm animals, wild animals—that came out of the ship with you. I’m setting up my covenant with you that never again will everything living be destroyed by floodwaters; no, never again will a flood destroy the Earth.”

God continued, “This is the sign of the covenant I am making between me and you and everything living around you and everyone living after you. I’m putting my rainbow in the clouds, a sign of the covenant between me and the Earth. From now on, when I form a cloud over the Earth and the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll remember my covenant between me and you and everything living, that never again will floodwaters destroy all life. When the rainbow appears in the cloud, I’ll see it and remember the eternal covenant between God and every last living creature on Earth.”

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

“O My Beloved Father” by Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924)

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.

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on God cast your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Confession

Leader: As God’s children, called to live in relationship with each other, we must admit how we have hurt others, and harmed our planet, so we can be forgiven and restored to new life. Let’s bring God our hopes, as well as our failings, as we open our hearts to God in prayer.

Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: God of every moment, we can spend hours binge-watching shows, but neglect to notice the wonders of Your creation. We arrange outings with friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk. Forgive us.

People: Remind us that we have enough time in the midst of our busy, distracted lives for grace, for hope, for joy, for a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Leader: Gracious God, we remember how You were present with the faithful ones of salvation history. You gave Your rainbow as a sign of Your everlasting covenant.

All: Loving God, help us to live in faithful covenant with You. Build us into a united world community that works for equality and justice for everyone. In Christ’s 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

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: In worship and at work, in life and in loss, now and in every moment, we are not left to go it alone. Christ is among us: loving us, teaching us, and willing to guide us.

People: When we confess our sins to God, God offers us strength and renewal, that our weary spirits might be empowered for the ongoing work of freedom, peace, and justice which is our calling.

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 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

Betsy Eskridge

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

All: And also with you.

Children's Message

Rev. Dwight Nave

***Hymn of Reflection:** For the Beauty of the Earth (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies:

Refrain. Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:

Refrain.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight:

Refrain. For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:

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: Psalm 24:1

Michael Wright

"The earth is the Lords, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it."

1st Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:11-22

Betsy Eskridge

God saw that human evil was out of control. People thought evil, imagined evil—evil from morning to night. God was sorry that he had made the human race in the first place; it broke his heart. God said, "I'll get rid of my ruined creation, make a clean sweep: people, animals, snakes and bugs, birds—the works. I'm sorry I made them." But Noah was different. God liked what he saw in Noah. God said to Noah, "It's all over. It's the end of the human race. The violence is everywhere; I'm making a clean sweep. "I'm going to bring a flood on the Earth that will destroy everything alive under Heaven.

"But I'm going to establish a covenant with you: You'll board the ship, and your sons, your wife and your sons' wives will come on board with you. You are also to take two of each living creature, a male and a female, on board the ship, to preserve their lives with you: two of every species of bird, mammal, and reptile—Also get all the food you'll need and store it up for you and them."