

## 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.*

## In Appreciation:

Greeters: Sue Goodwin, Carla Hart  
Ushers: Bill Grissom, Cathy Nishizaki  
Parking: Carl Odell  
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Altar Flowers: Pattie Hashimoto



## The Celebration of Worship

June 30, 2024 • 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Titus Toyama  
Pianist: Janet Hill  
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor  
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

## Centering Prayer for Worship

*Bless our beautiful land, O Lord, with its wonderful variety of people, of races, cultures, and languages. May we be a nation of laughter and joy, of justice and reconciliation, of peace and unity, of compassion, caring, and sharing. We pray this prayer for a true patriotism, in the powerful name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

-Archbishop Desmond Tutu

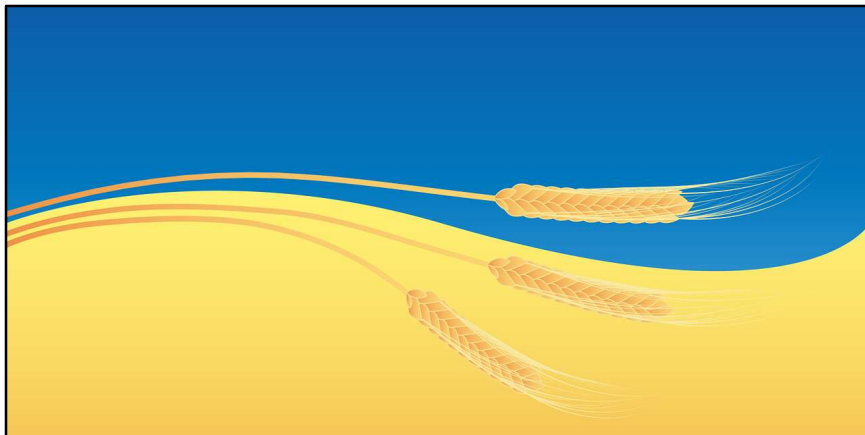
## Prelude

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## \*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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*



## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: God of the past who has fathered and mothered us, we are here to thank You.

**People: God of the future who is always ahead of us, we are here to trust You.**

Leader: God of the present here in the midst of us, we are here to praise You.

**All: God of life beyond us and within us, we rejoice in Your glorious love.**

### \*Opening Hymn: Shout to the Lord (#94 Worship & Rejoice)

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.* 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.

### Invitation to Confession

Leader: God is compassionate and merciful, loving us with a faithfulness we can't fully comprehend. There's nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves before God, so that we can be fully forgiven.

### \*Sending Hymn: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (#564)

*Sing verses 1, 3, and 4*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain! America! America! God shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife, who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life! America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success be nobleness and every gain divine!

### \*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.)*

## 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

Titus Toyama

## Joys & Concerns

Titus Toyama

## 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

Titus Toyama

Leader: O God, we thank You for Your transforming presence all around us, and in us. Your Spirit connects us to Your loving heart.

**People: Deliver us from harsh words and impatient sighs. Deliver us from destructive actions and limited perception.**

Leader: You call us to wholeness of life built on a solid foundation of prayer and compassionate care of others.

**All: Lead us to higher ground, to trusting faith, to lives rich in meaning and service. Purify our hearts so that our lives bring You glory. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Titus Toyama

Leader: Hear the Good News! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

**People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

**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** Titus Toyama

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

**All: And also with you.**

**Pianists & YES Teacher Recognition** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**\*Hymn of Reflection: Be Thou My Vision (#339)**

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,  
Thou mine inheritance now and always:  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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 29:12-13** Haruko Sakakibara

The Lord spoke through Jeremiah the prophet:  
“When you call on me, when you come and pray to me, I'll listen. When you come looking for me, you'll find me.”

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Genesis James 5:13-16** Titus Toyama

Are you hurting? Pray. Do you feel great? Sing. Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and anoint you with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will heal you, and Jesus will put you on your feet. And if you've sinned, you'll be forgiven - healed inside and out. Make this your common practice: Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you can live together whole and healed. The prayer of a person living right with God is something powerful to be reckoned with.

**Sermon** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon “A New Way to Pray”

Matthew 6:9-13

The world is full of so-called prayer warriors who are prayer-ignorant. They're full of formulas and programs and advice, peddling techniques for getting what you want from God. Don't fall for that nonsense. This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need. With a God like this loving you, you can pray very simply. Like this:

Our Father in heaven,

Reveal who you are.

Set the world right;

Do what's best—

as above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.

Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil.

You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

**Musical Interlude**

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