

Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.

Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy 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

Haruko Sakakibara

"Suite No. 11" by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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:	Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Carl Odell
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Titus Toyama
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Carla Hart



The Celebration of Worship

July 7, 2024 • 7th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders:	Pattie Hashimoto, Maurine Huang

Centering Prayer for Worship

"What The Wind Says"

*Listen to the wind. It has something to tell you.
Whether it is as quiet as the current
That lifts the hawk to circle the sky
Or as loud as the storm chasing high waves to shore:
The wind has something to say.
There is a word for each of us, a message sent directly
That flows through the wind each day
Offering us insight and vision, clarity and creative ideas
If only we will stop long enough to receive it.
Be still. Be awake. Trust your spiritual senses.
Listen to the wind. The Spirit is speaking to you.*

- Indigenous elder/Episcopal bishop Steven Charleston in
Spirit Wheel

** Those who can, please stand*

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Spirit of the Living God, You call us: open our hearts that we may hear You. Open our souls that we may long for Your presence.

People: Loving Lord Jesus, open our minds that we may learn from You. Fill us with Your Spirit and make us more like You.

All: God of the ages, open our hearts and receive our grateful thanks and praise.

***Opening Hymn: God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand (#262)**

God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before Thy throne arise.

Thy love divine has led us in the past. In this free land by Thee our lot is cast; Be Thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay; Thy word our law, Thy paths our chosen way.

From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence, be Thy strong arm our ever sure defense; Thy true religion in our hearts increase; Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

Refresh thy people on their toilsome way, Lead us from night to never-ending day; Fill all our lives with love and grace divine, and glory, laud, and praise be ever Thine.

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**

Jonathan 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: Live into Hope (#332)**

Live into hope of captives freed, of sight restored, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear a vision of our God brought near.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, here, in joy,
we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in
communion's love have stood.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing, here, in peace,
we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their
lives in gratitude.

Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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

Invitation to Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: We have what we need, to be and do what God is
calling us to do. God's favor, God's grace, and God's
forgiveness are for us, not just in this moment, but forever.
How can we not want to confess to One who is ready to heal
us? Please join me as we pray.

Prayer of Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

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 disdain.**

**All: Holy One, free us from information overload and
compassion fatigue that leads to apathy. Forgive us and
fill us with Your Spirit of love and light.**

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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: It is God who is calling to your hearts and spirits. God's
Spirit is with you, empowering you..

**People: From the abundance of God's love given to us, we
will remember all the kindness we have received from
God. We invite God's Spirit to flow through us to bring
healing and hope to the world.**

**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**

Jonathan Sakakibara

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

All: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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: John 14:25-26

Haruko Sakakibara

Jesus said, “I’m telling you these things while I’m still living with you. The Friend, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send at my request, will make everything plain to you. The Spirit will remind you of all the things I have told you. I’m leaving you well and whole. That’s my parting gift to you. Peace

1st Scripture Reading: John 14:15-20

Jonathan Sakakibara

Jesus said, “If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and God will provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take the Spirit in because it doesn’t have eyes to see, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know the Spirit already because the Spirit has been staying with you, and will even be in you... I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see Me, but you’re going to see Me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in My Father, and you’re in Me, and I’m in you.”

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sermon: “Wake Up Everybody”

Mark 6:1-11

Jesus returned to his hometown. His disciples came along. On the Sabbath, he gave a lecture in the meeting place. He stole the show, impressing everyone. “We had no idea he was this good!” they said. “How did he get so wise all of a sudden, get such ability?” But in the next breath they were cutting him down: “He’s just a carpenter—Mary’s boy. We’ve known him since he was a kid. We know his brothers and his sisters. Who does he think he is?” They tripped over what little they knew about him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further.

Jesus called the Twelve to him, and sent them out in pairs. He gave them authority and power to deal with the evil opposition. He sent them off with these instructions: “Don’t think you need a lot of extra equipment for this. You are the equipment. No special appeals for funds. Keep it simple. And no luxury inns. Get a modest place and be content there until you leave. If you’re not welcomed, not listened to, quietly withdraw. Don’t make a scene. Shrug your shoulders and be on your way.” Then they were on the road. They preached with joyful urgency that life can be radically different; right and left they sent the demons packing; they brought wellness to the sick, anointing their bodies, healing their spirits.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Arr. by Phillip Keveren

***Communion Hymn: “All Who Hunger”**

(#2126 black songbook)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering, here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.