

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Jeffrey Richards

**\*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**

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:	Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Neil Matsuoka
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Glenn & Evelyn Kubota



## The Celebration of Worship

August 4, 2024 • 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Guest Pastor:	Rev. Jeffrey Richards
Worship Leader:	Titus Toyama
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
Communion Elders:	Donna Komure-Toyama, Titus Toyama

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Creator of all, in every journey, on every road; in every moment of life, we  
receive the love and support we need from You. As we worship, delight us  
with Your holy presence and teach us how to love ourselves and others. By  
Your Spirit at work in us, help us bring Your healing love and acceptance  
to broken lives. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Prelude**

Janet Hill

**\*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

Titus Toyama

### Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: Our Lord leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

**People: Loving Lord Jesus, we are Your family. You have called us to be signs of Your love and hope to the world.**

**All: As we worship, we bring our gratitude and joyful praise to God. We will live each day as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved with an everlasting love.**

### \*Opening Hymn: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,  
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,  
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!  
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!  
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Titus Toyama

### Joys & Concerns

Titus Toyama

### Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer Rev. Jeffrey Richards

**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: The Summons (#2130 in black songbook)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world  
around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you  
in me?

## Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Jeffrey Richards

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.**

### \*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.**

## Invitation to Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. Jesus shows the way home to God to all who long for grace and peace. So let's confess to God the ways we have failed to care for ourselves, for each other and for the world.

### Prayer of Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: Loving God, in a world where inequalities are ever-increasing, You call us to treat each person with respect and kindness.

**People: Deliver us from hard hearts and hidden prejudice, from self-loathing and destructive anger. Open our hearts to receive forgiveness and the reconciliation it brings with You, and others.**

**All: Purify our hearts so that our lives bring You glory. Fill us with whole-hearted devotion to You.**

#### *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: God who dwells within us, God who is with us in good times and in bad, reminds us that nothing can come between us and God's love for us.

**People: Faithful God, Your love frees us to leave our sin with You and move forward in love and freedom.**

**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: As the forgiven and redeemed people of God, let us share our peace and joy with one another. The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Jeffrey Richards

### **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: Matthew 3:17**

Aki Kumagai

And a voice from the heavens said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

### **1st Scripture Reading: Proverbs 19:8**

Titus Toyama

"Grow a wise heart, you'll do yourself a favor; keep a clear head, you'll find a good life."

### **Sermon**

Rev. Jeffrey Richards

Summer of Love Series #3: Loving Yourself

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said

that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

### **Musical Interlude**

Janet Hill

### **\*Communion Hymn: Let Us Break Bread Together (#513)**

Let us break bread together on our knees; let us break bread together on our knees.

*Refrain.* When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees; let us drink wine together on our knees.

*Refrain.*

Let us praise God together on our knees; let us praise God together on our knees.

*Refrain.*