

## 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.*

## In Appreciation:

Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Diane Younglove  
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove  
Parking: Russ Hart  
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama  
Sound System: Dave McGill  
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Altar Flowers: William & Judy Yee



## The Celebration of Worship

August 11, 2024 • 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Carla Hart  
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong  
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor  
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright

## Centering Prayer for Worship

*When life has lost its promise, or disappointed us one too many times, when it is hard to trust again or feel alive and curious again, love beckons us over and asks, "Got a minute?"*

*What is there to lose? A lot -- familiarity, complacency, the illusion of control. And what is there to gain? A chance to loosen up and lighten up and sometimes even live it up, a chance to feel the warmth of this gentle, wild, messy, holy world. So I'll ask you, too: Got a minute?*

-Anne Lamott

## 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

Carla Hart

Leader: Wondrous God, You teach us that life is meant to be celebrated, enjoyed, delighted in, and embraced in all its mystery.

**All: As we worship You, God of life, draw us to Your playground of creation. So that we may live, and love, more fully to the praise of your glory.**

### \*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee! (#464)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect Thy rays; stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

### Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: It's never easy to ask for forgiveness. But as God's children, we are called to live in healthy relationships with each other. We have to admit how we have hurt others, and hurt God, so we can be forgiven and restored to new life. Please join me as we pray to God.

## 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: The Trees of the Field

(#2279 in black songbook)

*Sing 2 times*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;  
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field  
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap)  
the trees of the field will clap their hands (clap, clap)  
while you go out with joy.

### \*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.)*

When David had completed the sacrifices of burnt and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of God of hosts and handed out to each person in the crowd, men and women alike, a loaf of bread, a date cake, and a raisin cake. Then everyone went home.

David returned home to bless his family. Michal, Saul's daughter, came out to greet him: "How wonderfully the king has distinguished himself today—exposing himself to the eyes of the servants' maids like some burlesque street dancer!" David replied to Michal, "In God's presence I'll dance all I want! He chose me over your father and the rest of our family and made me prince over God's people, over Israel. Oh yes, I'll dance to God's glory—more recklessly even than this.

#### Musical Interlude

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#### 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

Carla Hart

#### Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

#### Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Loving God, when the breezes of faith blow strong and cool and our spirits are invigorated, You are with us.

**People: When our life's troubles are as draining as stifling, hot air and our spirits become wilted, You are with us.**

Leader: You long for justice for all people, but it's washed away by the flood of violence in our world.

**People: You ask us to speak up for those in need, but we feel overwhelmed and turn away from those struggling for the basics of home, health, water, and work.**

Leader: Forgive us. As we admit the ways we have failed You and hurt others, and done things we shouldn't have done, lift us from guilt and shame to new life.

**All: Strengthen us to share the power of Your Gospel with those who long for Your life-giving joy. 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

Carla Hart

Leader: As God's people, we are ready: to bring light into the shadows, to choose love, not hate;

**People: As those graced by God, we are ready: to invite others to join us as we play and pray together, as we look around for things to cheer about.**

**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**

Carla Hart

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. Dr. Sarah Nave

### **\*Hymn of Reflection: My Life Flows On**

(#2212 black songbook)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*Refrain.* No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock  
I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can  
I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.  
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

*Refrain.*

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior  
liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the  
night he giveth.

*Refrain.*

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever  
springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep  
from singing?

*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: Zephaniah 3:17**

Michael Wright

God will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his  
love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading: Mark 10:14–16**

Carla Hart

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop  
them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God  
belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom  
of God as a little child will never enter it.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Summer of Love Sermon Series #4:  
"Loving Play Can Save the Day"  
2 Samuel 6:12-21

It was reported to King David that God had prospered Obed-  
Edom and his entire household because of the ark of God. So  
David thought, "I'll get that blessing for myself," and went and  
brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-Edom to  
the City of David, celebrating extravagantly all the way, with  
frequent sacrifices of choice bulls. David, ceremonially dressed  
in priest's linen, danced with great abandon before God. The  
whole country was with him as he accompanied the ark of God  
with shouts and trumpet blasts. But as the ark of God came  
into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, happened to be  
looking out a window. When she saw King David leaping and  
dancing before God, her heart filled with scorn.  
They brought the ark of God and set it in the middle of the  
tent pavilion that David had pitched for it. Then and there  
David worshiped, offering burnt offerings and peace offerings.