

***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

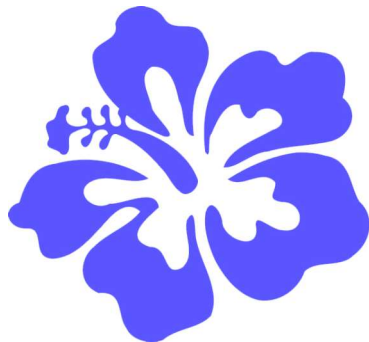
Janet Hill

*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:	Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
Ushers:	Betsy Eskridge, Irene Uno
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Jerry & Marilyn Champa
Aloha Coffee Time:	Julie Chew, Jana Nakase-Lee, Haruko Sakakibara



The Celebration of Worship

August 18, 2024 • Aloha Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Donna Komure-Toyama
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Oh God, thank You for this day of life. For eyes to see the sky, for ears to
hear the birds, for feet to walk across the yard or a parking lot, for a mind
to think about and appreciate the wonder of everyday miracles, for a spirit
to swell in joy at Your mighty presence everywhere. Thank You God for
everything. Amen.*

- adapted from a prayer by Marian Wright Edelman,
founder of The Children’s Defense Fund

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.**

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God, we come into Your presence to worship You in this sanctuary called Earth.

People: A planet with Your presence pulsating in the mountains, shimmering in the rivers.

Leader: God, please reveal Yourself to us as we worship, show us Your face in all creation.

All: All praise to You, Magnificent Creator! The whole earth is filled with your glory!

***Opening Song:** Shout to the Lord (#2074 Black songbook)

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.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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.

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:** I Sing the Mighty Power of God (#288)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced
them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I
turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the
skies!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories
known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from
Thy throne; While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy
care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present
there.

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

God called to him from out of the bush, “Moses! Moses!” He said, “Yes? I’m right here!” God said, “Don’t come any closer. Remove your sandals from your feet. You’re standing on holy ground.”

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Holy Ground” (#2272 Black songbook)

Sing twice.

We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around; let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in his presence on holy ground.

Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Our God is compassionate and caring, loving us with amazing grace. There is nothing we have done, or left undone, that is not already known by God. This gives us confidence to be fully ourselves before God, that we can be fully forgiven. Let’s ask God’s Spirit to lead us as we pray..

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Holy One, our Divine Companion, you know us so well. We long to be faithful in following You, but life gets in the way.

People: We get worn-out and worn-down, distracted and snappish. Forgive us for harming each other and this good earth. Leader: God our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to notice Your vibrant presence among us in all of life.

All: Fill us with Your Spirit of compassion, so that we may fulfill Your holy purpose of taking care of each other and the wondrous world You have made. 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: We believe that our lives can change.

People: We believe that following Jesus can transform how we see ourselves and the world around us.

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** Donna Komure-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 Sue Goodwin

***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.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,
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 Miko Kumagai
"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those
who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and
established it on the rivers."

1st Scripture Reading: Hebrews 12:28 Donna
Komure-Toyama

From *The Message*
"Do you see what we've got? An unshakable kingdom! And do
you see how thankful we must be? Not only thankful, but
brimming with worship, deeply reverent before God."

Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Summer of Love Series #5:
"Loving Reverence - Holy Ground"
Exodus 3:1-5
Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law,
the priest of Midian. He led the flock to the west end of the
wilderness and came to the mountain of God, Horeb. The
angel of God appeared to him in flames of fire blazing out of
the middle of a bush. He looked. The bush was blazing away
but it didn't burn up.
Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this!
Amazing! Why doesn't the bush burn up?" God saw that he
had stopped to look.