

***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

“Gavotte” by Johann Kuhnau (1660-1722)

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, Luda Wright
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Judy Fukuman
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat):	William Yee
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas



The Celebration of Worship

October 6, 2024 • World Communion Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jana Nakase-Lee
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Communion Elders:	Steve Hanway, Irene Uno
YES:	Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

Magnificent God, on this World Communion Sunday, we thank You for Christ's table spread in the world as a sign of Your love for all people. Today we come to worship from different places for different reasons. Help us to move beyond our differences to experience the unity You want for us, and for the world. May our worship today inspire and empower us to join in Your ongoing work of reconciling the whole world through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Christ Jesus has made us His own! By the power of the Holy Spirit, He gathers us to share His life.

People: We join together in grateful worship.

Leader: The meal is ready! He invites us to come and share.

People: We gather today as a global community around the Table He sets for us.

Leader: Christ's gift is peace- with God and with each other.

All: With those who love God throughout the world, we worship God with joy, and commit ourselves to God's work for justice and peace.

*Opening Hymn: O for a World (#386)

Sing to the tune of "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are
wise.

Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Invitation to Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: In our lives, at times we are bossed around by our faults and fears, by negativity and our lousy choices. But by God's grace, we are set free from these toxins. Let's offer our confession to the One Who yearns to hear and forgive and empower each of us.

*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

Jana Nakase-Lee

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: Take My Life (#391)

Sing verses 1, 2, 3, 5, 6.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

Choir Song

“Taste and See” by James E. Moore, Jr.

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

Opportunity To Present Offerings

“Salut d’ Amour (Love’s Greeting)” by Edward Edgar

Violin: Igor Veligan

Piano: Mira Veligan

Prayer of Confession

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Holy One, in a world torn apart by conflict and saturated with tears, you call us to treat each person as our sister and brother. In a world filled with injustice and inequality, You equip us with Your love to repair broken lives and broken hearts.

People: Gracious God, as the Church around the world gathers today in response to Your gracious invitation, we confess that we don’t come to You with a clear conscience. Our lives, our decisions, and our choices are tainted by self-centeredness and sin. Forgive us. Transform us. Make us more like Jesus.

All: God of clarity and unity, fill our lives with Your Spirit. Empower us to follow Jesus in His life-giving work in our world. 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

Jana Nakase-Lee

Leader: Because God hears and forgives us, we have a new beginning. Because God surrounds us with brothers and sisters throughout the world, we do not journey alone.

All: Trusting in our Lord Jesus Christ, the One who died and rose for us, the One who loves and redeems us, we celebrate the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

***Response to God’s Forgiveness:** Glory to God, Whose

Goodness Shines on Me (#582 Glory to God hymnal)

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**

Jana Nakase-Lee

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.

Special Ukraine Summer Camp Slide Show

Igor Veligan

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

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 Scripture Reading: Psalm 133:1 Haruko Sakakibara

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together in unity!

2nd Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:19-25 Jana Nakase-Lee

The thought of my suffering and homelessness is bitter beyond words! My soul continually thinks of it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, God’s mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in God.” The Lord is good to those who wait for God, to the soul that seeks God.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Importance of Being Earnest”

Luke 22:7-20

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, “Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it.” They asked him, “Where do you want us to make preparations for it?” “Listen,” he said to them, “when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you;

follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks you, “Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?”’ He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there.” So they went and found everything as he had told them, and they prepared the Passover meal.

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. Jesus said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer, for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves, for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

“There’s Something About That Name” by William J. Gaither

***Communion Hymn:** I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table (#770)

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.

I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I’m gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I’m gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.