

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Ushers: Carla Hart, Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat): Russ Hart
Parking: Phillip Chew
Sound System: Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Altar Flowers: Carla Hart



Martin Luther (1483-1546) first translated the New Testament into German in 1522, the full Bible with collaborators in 1534. A prolific hymnwriter, Luther wrote “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” (“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”) between 1527 and 1529.

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The Celebration of Worship

October 27, 2024 • Reformation Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki

Centering Prayer for Worship

Almighty God, on this Reformation Sunday, we thank You for Your Son Jesus who gives the Church its faith and life, its unity and purpose. We thank You for the power of your Gospel to transform society, for You come to make all things new. Give us clear minds, understanding hearts and willing spirits so that we may seek Your presence and do Your will. May our worship bring You glory and joy, as we work together to bring Your love and justice to all creation. Amen.

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We gather to worship, so God can teach us:
so we may learn to be more loving and compassionate,

**People: We gather to worship so Christ can teach us:
the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge,
the language of love and joy so we may encourage all.**

Leader: We gather to worship, where the Spirit imparts wisdom,
so we may learn how to welcome all with God's peace and to
share God's hope with the world.

**All: We come to worship God, to open our hearts to God's
transforming grace, and to offer our lives for God's
purposes.**

*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!

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be
losing; were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's
own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to
undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to
triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble
not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us
sideth; Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

*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

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.*

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

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**

Judy Fukuman

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: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#260)**

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: In worship and in all of life, in every moment, Christ is among us: loving us, teaching us, and hoping to lead us. But we often focus on details and desires that keep us from recognizing Him. Believing that God saves us by grace and fills us with faith, let’s allow God’s Spirit to lead us in repentance as we pray to God.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God of our lives, You call us to love each other, and You are more than willing to teach us how. Yet we find Your command to love others hard to carry out consistently in real life.

People: Someone cuts us off in traffic, and we curse them. Someone has something we want, and envy creeps in. Injustice occurs in front of us and we keep quiet.

Leader: Gracious God, forgive us. Free our lives from resentments, self-centeredness, apathy and hopelessness.

All: We believe that with Christ in our hearts, we can become the people God dreams about: loving, kind, courageous, and compassionate children of God.

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: As God's people: broken, we are made whole; alone, we are welcomed into a community; forgiven, we are sent to serve and work for justice for the whole human family.

All: By faith in God’s grace in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, empowered, and sent to redeem the world. Thanks be to God! 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** Judy Fukuman
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
Children and youth may now leave for YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** We Shall Overcome
(#379 Glory to God hymnal)

We shall overcome; we shall overcome;
we shall overcome someday.

Refrain. O, deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday!

We'll walk hand in hand; we'll walk hand in hand;
we'll walk hand in hand someday.

Refrain.

We shall live in peace; we shall live in peace;
we shall live in peace someday.

Refrain.

We are not afraid; we are not afraid; we are not afraid today.

Refrain.

God will see us through; God will see us through;
God will see us through today.

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 Scripture Reading: James 2:15-17 Miko Kumagai
If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

2nd Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:15-20 Judy Fukuman
Jesus said, "Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor figs from thistles, are they? So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. So then, you will know them by their fruits.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
"John Lewis: Faith and 'Good Trouble'"
Micah 6:8
But God's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.