

**\*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

“Adagio #9” by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)

*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: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
- Ushers: Luda Wright, Michael Wright
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Dave McGill
- Parking: Gary Younglove
- Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
- Altar Flowers: Rick & Irene Uno



There are three ways to vote in California. You may register and vote as late as November 5, Election Day.



**The Celebration of Worship**

November 3, 2024 • Election Sunday

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Titus Toyama
- Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
- YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Lord God, help us to elect trustworthy leaders who participate in wise decisions for our common life. Call our leaders and political candidates to a new level of respect and civility. Remind them that You are sovereign and that the wisest choice we can make is to serve You and serve others. May there be a new spirit of collaboration and respect in our nation’s capital and throughout the country. Give Your people the strength to lead by example with radical, world-changing love. Bless the people of our land, that we may be at peace among ourselves and be a blessing to other nations of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

**Prelude**

Haruko Sakakibara

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

**\*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

**Call to Worship**

Titus Toyama

Leader: From shore to shore let God's praise be sung.

**People: From mountains high to valleys low, let thankful, trusting hearts glorify God.**

Leader: We bless You, God of the covenant. You are present with us in Word and Sacrament, by water and the Spirit, so we join with all creation in praising Your great glory.

**All: Almighty God, we proclaim Your steadfast love and faithfulness with a song of joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**  
(#138)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*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**

Titus Toyama

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

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.

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

*Refrain.*

## 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

**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.**

## Invitation to Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: Our holy and merciful God, Who loves compassion and justice, calls us to support the weak, to help those who suffer, and to honor all people. God promises to help us, and to do abundantly more than we can ever hope or imagine. With faith in God's kindness and power, let's draw near to God in prayer.

## Prayer of Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: We know, gracious God, that we cannot mend all the torn places in the fabric of our country by ourselves. We know, too, Almighty God, that nothing is impossible for You.

**People: You call us to the holy work of repair and reconciliation, justice and peace. You command us to love our neighbors and love our enemies.**

Leader: God, we're worried about the way our country is going, about all the ugly rhetoric and the harmful lies that are being asserted not only as truth, but as Your Truth.

**People: Forgive us for tolerating unloving behavior in our candidates and our leaders. Forgive us for the times we've failed to treat each other as Your beloved creation.**

**All: God of justice, as we vote and wait, pray and work, may we follow Jesus and see Him in all people. Pour out Your Spirit of love, turn us toward You and heal our nation, we pray. 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

Titus Toyama

Leader: God's life-giving Spirit moves in our hearts so that barriers that divide us may crumble and hatreds end.

**People: As You bring healing to our nation, begin with us, so we can make of this old world a new world.**

**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 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** 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.**

**Choir Song:** Taste and See Words/Music by James Moore Jr.

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

*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:** Philippians 4:6-7 Mieko Davis

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading:** 1 Timothy 2:1-4 Titus Toyama

The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can go quietly about

our business of living simply, in humble contemplation. This is the way our Savior God wants us to live, Who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

**Sermon & 3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading:** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Patriotism is Not Enough”

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The Lord speaks through the prophet Jeremiah: “Don't let the wise brag of their wisdom. Don't let heroes brag of their exploits. Don't let the rich brag of their riches. If you brag, brag of this and this only: That you understand and know me. I'm God, and I act in loyal love. Do what's right and set things right and fair, and delight in those who do the same things. These are my trademarks.”

**Musical Interlude** Haruko Sakakibara

“Modelato” by Henry Lemoine (1786-1854)

**\*Communion Song:** For Everyone Born (#769 Glory to God hymnal)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

*Refrain.* And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

*Refrain.*

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

*Refrain.*