

***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.*

In Appreciation:

- Greeters: Miyo Uchida, Lynn Yamamoto
- Ushers: Jana Nakase-Lee, William Yee
- Parking Barriers (Sat): Tak Fukuman
- Parking: Phillip Chew
- Sound System: Dave McGill
- Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
- Coffee Time: Carla Hart, Miko Kumagai,
Miyo Uchida, Christine Umeda
- Altar Flowers: Steve & Jana (Nakase) Lee,
In honor of Martin Luther King, Jr

*Martin Luther King, Jr wore a white lei during the march from Selma to
Montgomery on March 21, 1965. He and other march leaders were gifted
the leis from Reverend Abraham Kabikina Akaka, Hawaii’s first
commissioner for civil rights.*



The Celebration of Worship

January 19, 2025 • Martin Luther King, Jr and Matthew 25:
Dismantle Structural Racism Sunday

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Judy Fukuman
- Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida

Centering Prayer for Worship

*How good it is to worship you, God! For You gather us into a community
where we discover the grace that breaks down barriers. You call us to glorify
Jesus by dismantling conflict and division with Your acceptance of all
people. We will live to reflect Christ’s glory, empowered by His Spirit, and
confident of His presence with us in every moment. Amen.*

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

** 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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Sisters and brothers, rejoice, we live sustained by God's presence and love; the One who creates us and loves us;

People: God made us to be family and gifts us with diversity.

Leader: God gives us Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

People: God inspires us to seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

Leader: God invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and well-being for all. God's presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

All: We bless You, holy God, and give You glory, honor, and praise!

***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.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

The Lord's Prayer

Congregation

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: 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.

2nd Scripture Reading:

Judy Fukuman

John 13:34

Jesus said, "Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other."

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"The Time Is Always Right To Do What Is Right." MLK, Jr.

Colossians 3:11-14

Words like Jewish and non-Jewish, religious and irreligious, insider and outsider, uncivilized and uncouth, slave and free, mean nothing. From now on everyone is defined by Christ, everyone is included in Christ. So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so must you do also. In addition to all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

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.

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!

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: When we come to God in prayer, we can admit our failed attempts at creating a just world for all, even with the best of intentions. We are humbly aware of our limitations but continue to dream of what is possible because of our faith in God's powerful love. Let's ask for God's help to make this old world a new world.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: O God, help us today to be hopeful and helpful rather than irritable and critical. Help us to avoid harmful words and destructive behavior.

People: give us the courage to challenge racism whenever we encounter it; at home, school, work, or in the community, and to stand with others who are treated unfairly.

Leader: Help us to listen carefully to each other, especially those who disagree with us, and to consider others' life stories rather than insisting on having our own way.

All: Help us not to waste time fretting about the bad in the world but to use the time and resources we have working together for a better world.

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: Dr. King's work reminds us: church and state must work together for the common good; laws must establish justice for all, but hearts must change for the Beloved Community to flourish.

People: Having received God's mercy, with changed hearts and God's help, we will stand in solidarity with those who suffer oppression; we will open our hearts to an ever-expanding vision of community.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to do the work of justice for all. 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: "Sing about Martin" Lynn Yamamoto

Sing about Martin.
Sing about caring.
Sing about peace
All around the world.

Sing about Martin.
Sing about loving.
Sing about peace
All around the world.

***MLK Sunday Song:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand (#404)
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" is a hymn that was often sung at Martin Luther King Jr.'s rallies and at his funeral. The song was written by Thomas A. Dorsey and was a favorite of Dr. King's.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near;
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall;
Take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.

***Hymn of Reflection:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese): Miyo Uchida
Amos 5:24
The Lord said, "But let justice roll down like water and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."