

A thousand ages in Thy sight are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever rolling stream, soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

***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
“Battle Hymn of the Republic,” Arr. by Phil Hamm

*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: Ian Davis, Mieke Davis
Ushers: Julie Chew, Terri Bowman
Parking Barriers (Sat): William Yee
Parking: Gary Younglove
Sound System: Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Altar Flowers: Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas



The Celebration of Worship

February 2, 2025 • 4th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Mieke Davis
Communion Elders: Terri Bowman, Maurine Huang
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Thank you, God, for this new day. As we worship, may we grow in faith
and increase in love, so that we may be worthy of the call You have placed
upon our lives. When we seek justice for each other, when we love kindness
more than recognition, we live as You ask us to live. When we walk
humbly through life, when we offer forgiveness to those who hurt us, we are
the blessing You hope we will be. Stir our hearts to sense You in every
moment, and serve You at every opportunity. 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

Carla Hart

Leader: In the sanctuary, and along ordinary paths, the Holy One Whose glory fills the whole earth, calls us.

People: In our daily lives, our work and errands, when we're relaxing and when we're worried, God calls us.

Leader: In steadfast love, God calls us, and when we respond, God fulfills the divine purposes of our lives.

All: We respond and worship God with our whole heart, singing God's praise and giving thanks.

***Opening Hymn:** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!
(#476)

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: God's grace is more powerful than our sin and shame. God delights in setting us free from guilt and regret. From the midst of our real lives and concerns, let's bring our failings to God in prayer and ask God to forgive us.

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.

*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

Carla Hart

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: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (#210)

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received its frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, to endless years the same.

***Hymn for Communion:** Come, Share the Lord (#2269 black songbook)

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like living flame; for through the loving Son the Father makes us one: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the One we love the most is now our gracious Host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head: though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

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 Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Glorious Creator of the universe, we long to feel Your grace and glory, but we wander away from You, distracted or discouraged, tempted to act in ways that dishonor You and ourselves .

People: Sometimes we make excuses for our lack of attention to You, and other times we judge ourselves harshly and feel unworthy of Your call on our lives. Forgive us when we ignore Your companionship and run after any experience that will ease our restlessness and loneliness.

Leader: Stir within us a longing for Your kingdom. Lead us on to higher ground, to trusting faith, to lives rich in meaning and service.

All: Make us devoted, worthy followers of Your Son who cared for the poor and the oppressed, our Lord Jesus Christ. 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

Carla Hart

Leader: Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ ... And Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.

People: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***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**

Carla Hart

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

“In Remembrance of Me” by Buryl Red & Ragan Courtney

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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Mieko Davis

Isaiah 61:10

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my whole being shall delight in my God, for God has clothed me with the garments of salvation; God has covered me with the robe of righteousness.

2nd Scripture Reading

Carla Hart

Colossians 3:12-14

So, chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense. Forgive as quickly and completely as the Master forgave you. And regardless of what else you put on, wear love. It’s your basic, all-purpose garment. Never be without it.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Project Runway Sermon Series #1

“The Fall: Tragic Fashion Fail”

Genesis 3:1-13, 21

The serpent was clever, more clever than any wild animal God had made. He spoke to the Woman: “Do I understand that God told you not to eat from any tree in the garden? The Woman said to the serpent, “Not at all. We can eat from the trees in the garden. It’s only about the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, ‘Don’t eat from it; don’t even touch it or you’ll die.’” The serpent told the Woman, “You won’t die. God knows that the moment you eat from that tree, you’ll see what’s really going on. You’ll be just like God, knowing everything, ranging all the way from good to evil.”

When the Woman saw that the tree looked like good eating and realized what she would get out of it—she’d know everything!—she took and ate the fruit and then gave some to her husband, and he ate. Immediately the two of them did “see what’s really going on”—saw themselves naked! They sewed fig leaves together as makeshift clothes for themselves. When they heard the sound of God strolling in the garden in the evening breeze, the Man and his Wife hid in the trees of the garden, hid from God. God called to the Man: “Where are you?” He said, “I heard you in the garden and I was afraid because I was naked. And I hid.” God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from that tree I told you not to eat from?” The Man said, “The Woman you gave me as a companion, she gave me fruit from the tree, and, yes, I ate it.” Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” And the woman said, “The servant deceived me, and I ate.”...And the Lord God made garments of skins for the man and for his wife, and clothed them.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

“Maria Anoria” by Toshiaki Matsumoto (2017)