

**\*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**

Wade Tambara

*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, Diane Younglove
Ushers:	Judy Fukuman, Haruko Sakakibara
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Neil Matsuoka
Parking:	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Liam Wright
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers



**The Celebration of Worship**

February 9, 2025 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Donna Komure-Toyama

Pianist:

Wade Tambara

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Michael Wright

YES:

Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Needing the Sacred*

*Finding the sacred in our lives becomes increasingly difficult as the chatter  
and clutter of a chaotic world presses in around us: distracting, confusing,  
weakening our spirits.*

*We have need of the sacred to feed and nourish our souls; speaking to our  
hearts, our eyes, our senses of God; reminding us to step aside in the shelter  
and presence of our Creator; returning again to be renewed and  
transformed by God.*

*- Steve Gunther*

**Prelude**

Wade Tambara

**\*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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: You, O God, are faithful and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on You.

**People: Teach us Your ways, that we may walk in Your light and embody Your truth. As in Jesus Christ You gave Yourself to us, so we give ourselves to You.**

Leader: As we gather to reflect on the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors, open our hearts to see how Your love and grace can guide us and lead to unexpected blessings.

**All: We worship You, glorious God, and joyfully offer You our hearts filled with gratitude and praise!**

### \*Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee (#464)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect  
Thy rays; stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.  
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Donna Komure-Toyama

### Joys & Concerns

Donna Komure-Toyama

### 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: "It is Well with My Soul" (#840 Glory to God hymnal)

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea  
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is  
well with my soul.

*Refrain.* It is well (It is well) with my soul; (with my soul;) It is  
well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this  
blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless  
estate, and has shed His own blood for my soul.

*Refrain.*

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in  
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

*Refrain.*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds  
be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord  
shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain.*

The brothers were saying, “Here comes that dreamer. Let’s kill him and throw him into one of these old cisterns; we can say that a vicious animal ate him up. We’ll see what his dreams amount to.” Reuben, the oldest, heard the brothers talking and intervened to save him, “We’re not going to kill him. No murder. Go ahead and throw him in this cistern out here in the wild, but don’t hurt him.” Reuben planned to go back later and get him out and take him back to his father.

When Joseph reached his brothers, they ripped off the fancy coat he was wearing, grabbed him, and threw him into a cistern. The cistern was dry; there wasn’t any water in it. Then they sat down to eat their supper. Looking up, they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites on their way from Gilead, their camels loaded with spices, ointments, and perfumes to sell in Egypt. Judah said, “Brothers, what are we going to get out of killing our brother and concealing the evidence? Let’s sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let’s not kill him—he is, after all, our brother, our own flesh and blood.” His brothers agreed. By that time the Midianite traders were passing by. His brothers pulled Joseph out of the cistern and sold him for twenty pieces of silver to the Ishmaelites who took Joseph with them down to Egypt.

## Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

## 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.**

## Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

**Leader:** God receives the broken heart, the troubled conscience, the conflicted spirit, with the power to make us whole. As we admit our faults and failings, God meets us with grace and mercy. With repentant hearts, let us join in our prayer of confession.

## Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

**Leader:** We come before You, O God, aware of how frayed our lives have become; we are a collection of fear-filled exhaustion, bad moods, loose ends and indecision.

**People: We want to stem the tide of injustices we encounter but we’re not sure what to do. So we go back to doomscrolling on our phones.**

**Leader:** Joseph's story encourages us to forgive those who have wronged us and to seek reconciliation.

**People: We haven’t dealt with all the confusion, hopelessness and resentment inside us. We haven’t kept our hearts focused on Your saving grace or listened to Your ever-loving voice.**

**All: Forgive us, Holy One. Stir our hearts to sense You in every moment, and serve You at every opportunity. 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

**Leader:** God's love is constant and sure, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God.

**All: Thanks be to God! We believe 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** Donna Komure-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.**

**Children's Message:** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
*Children and youth may now leave for YES.*

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** Grace Alone (#2162 black songbook)

Every promise we can make, every prayer and step of faith,  
every difference we will make is only by his grace.  
Every mountain we will climb, every ray of hope we shine,  
every blessing left behind is only by his grace.

*Refrain.* Grace alone which God supplies, strength unknown he  
will provide. Christ in us our Cornerstone; we will go forth in  
grace alone.

Every soul we long to reach, every heart we hope to teach,  
everywhere we share his peace is only by his grace.  
Every loving word we say, every tear we wipe away, every  
sorrow turned to praise is only by his grace.

*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.

**1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)** Michael Wright  
Proverbs 17:17  
Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick  
together in all kinds of trouble.

**2nd Scripture Reading** Donna Komure-Toyama  
Genesis 37:1-4  
Meanwhile Jacob had settled down where his father had lived,  
the land of Canaan. Jacob's story continues with Joseph,  
seventeen years old at the time, helping out his brothers in  
herding the flocks. These were his half brothers actually. And  
Joseph brought his father bad reports on them. Jacob loved  
Joseph more than any of his other sons because he was the  
child of his old age. And he made him an elaborately colored,  
embroidered coat. When his brothers realized that their father  
loved him more than them, they grew to hate him—they  
wouldn't even speak to him.

**Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Project Runway Series #2  
"Joseph's Colorful Coat Made His Brothers See Green"  
Genesis 37:12-28  
Jacob said to Joseph, "Your brothers are with flocks in  
Shechem. Come, I want to send you to them." Joseph said,  
"I'm ready." Jacob said, "Go and see how your brothers and the  
flocks are doing and bring me back a report." So Joseph took  
off, tracked his brothers down, and found them in Dothan.  
They spotted him off in the distance. By the time he got to  
them they had cooked up a plot to kill him.