

***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

Janet Hill

*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: Tia Kilpatrick, Irene Uno
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove
Parking Barriers (Sat): Titus Toyama
Parking: Phillip Chew
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Phillip & Julie Chew
Coffee Time: Judy Fukuman, Daniel McGill, Cathy Nishizaki,
Leah Nishizaki, Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas



The Celebration of Worship

February 16, 2025 • 6th Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Dave McGill
Pianist: Janet Hill
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Haruko Sakakibara

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Gracious Redeemer, You are the source of our healing and resurrection.
We grow lifeless, we become hopeless, on this journey of life. But by Your
grace, Your redemption comes into our hearts like a fiery pillar to lead us
to the promised land. May we each know the liberating love of Christ as
we follow Him. Amen.*

- from *Touch Holiness*

Prelude Janet Hill

***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

Dave McGill

Leader: God welcomes us with celebration and joy.

People: How good it is to gather for worship! We welcome each other as we celebrate God's love and redeeming power.

All: Here, we discover the grace that breaks down barriers and brings reconciliation. Here, we learn to trust God and to faithfully follow where Almighty God leads us.

*Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#376)

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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 Are Called" (#2172 black songbook)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called ___ to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain. We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called ___ to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, ___ and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

Refrain.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Tell Joseph, 'Forgive your brothers' sin—all that wrongdoing. They did treat you very badly.' Will you do it? Will you forgive the sins of the servants of your father's God?" When Joseph received their message, he wept.

Then the brothers went in person to him, threw themselves on the ground before him and said, "We'll be your slaves." Joseph replied, "Don't be afraid. Do I act for God? Don't you see, you planned evil against me but God used those same plans for my good, as you see all around you right now—life for many people. Easy now, you have nothing to fear; I'll take care of you and your children." He reassured them, speaking with them heart-to-heart.

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

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

Dave McGill

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: God loves us as we are, yet yearns for us to be more caring, more forgiving, more filled with grace. Trusting God's willingness to transform our brokenness and bring wholeness to our world, let's confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: God of compassion and courage, we often fall short of Your intentions for us and our expectations of ourselves.

People: We want to go through life with confidence and joy, but find ourselves worrying about how others see us, and what the future holds. Forgive us.

Leader: Remind us that it is Your power working in us that enables us to overcome fears and failings, our grudges and regrets.

All: Help us to be led by Your Spirit to live with grace and kindness as Jesus did.

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

Dave McGill

Leader: As we open our minds and hearts to confess our sins to God, God brings grace into our lives and sings forgiveness' freedom song in our hearts.

All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel. 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**

Dave McGill

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

***Hymn of Reflection:** Help Us Accept Each Other

Sing to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation” (#442)

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, as in our daily life we struggle to be patient and search for hope and faith. Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some, to love them as we find them or as they may become.

Let Your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved in living situations to do the truth in love; to practice Your acceptance until we know by heart the table of forgiveness and laughter’s freeing art.

Lord, for today’s encounters with all who are in need, who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread, we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on: renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!

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)

Haruko Sakakibara

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

2nd Scripture Reading

Dave McGill

Colossians 3:11-17

Don’t lie to one another. You’re done with that old life. It’s like a filthy set of ill-fitting clothes you’ve stripped off and put in the fire. Now you’re dressed in a new wardrobe. Every item of your new way of life is custom-made by the Creator, with his label on it. All the old fashions are now obsolete. 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, 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 Series #3

"Forgiveness Frees Us to Love" - Joseph’s Story Part 2

Genesis 50:15-21

After burying his father, Joseph went back to Egypt. All his brothers who had come with him to bury his father returned with him. After the funeral, Joseph’s brothers talked among themselves: “What if Joseph is carrying a grudge and decides to pay us back for all the wrong we did him?” So they sent Joseph a message, “Before his death, your father gave this command: