

**\*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 & Lyn Habersstock

"The Lord Bless and Keep You" (#2280 in black songbook)

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine  
on you and be gracious, gracious.

The Lord bless and keep you, the Lord lift his countenance on  
you and give peace, give you peace. Shalom. Shalom.

*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:	Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Neil Matsuoka
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Dave McGill



## **The Celebration of Worship**

March 2, 2025 • Transfiguration of the Lord

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Christine Umeda

Pianist:

Janet Hill

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Miyo Uchida

Communion Elders:

Herning Grissom, Christine Umeda

YES:

Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

### **Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Wondrous God, You are magnificent beyond our imagining; yet we see  
Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, whose compassion illumines the  
world. Transform us into the likeness of Your blessed Son, who renewed  
our humanity so that we might share in His divinity. The same Jesus  
Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.*

### **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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: O God, glorious and faithful, to those who seek You,  
You reveal the beauty of Your face.

**People: On the mountain, Your Son Jesus was  
transfigured by Your divine splendor.**

**All: In His face, we have glimpsed your glory, in His life,  
we see Your love. With adoration we proclaim Your glory  
and sing Your praise.**

### \*Opening Hymn: He Is Exalted (#2070 black songbook)

*Sing twice.*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth  
rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on  
high.

### Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: As we admit our failings to God, God meets us with  
grace and mercy and the power to make us whole. May God  
give us faith to see Jesus' redeeming work in our lives and may  
we be strengthened by His courage and grace and changed into  
His likeness.

### Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: God of grace and kindness, You come to us in Jesus to  
break down the barriers and hostility between us:

**People: But we remain isolated and fearful of each other.**

Leader: You give us the ability to welcome and learn from each  
other, and to live in peace.

**People: But we dwell on those who annoy or offend us,  
nurture grudges, and withhold forgiveness.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

Christine Umeda

### 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: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (#263)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid  
from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of  
Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor  
wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains high  
soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness  
and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou  
livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on  
the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changes Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light, Thine angels  
adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O  
help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

### \*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## 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.**

## \*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.**

**All: Forgive us, gracious Lord, and transform us by Your Spirit. As You gave yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Teach us how to live in your light and bring others home to Your love.**

*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

Christine Umeda

Leader: God gives us new strength and hope for the journey, calling us to new life through the love and sacrifice of God's Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People: Scripture tells us that "All of us, with unveiled faces, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another; this comes from the Lord, the Spirit."**

**(2 Corinthians 3:18)**

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

Christine Umeda

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:** Open the Eyes of My Heart  
(#452 Glory to God hymnal)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;  
I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.  
Pour out your power and love as we sing “Holy, holy, holy.”  
Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.  
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

**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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (Japanese)**

Miyo Uchida

Isaiah 60:1-2

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and God’s glory will appear over you.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Christine Umeda

Exodus 24:12-18

God said to Moses, “Climb higher up the mountain and wait there for me; I’ll give you tablets of stone, the teachings and commandments that I’ve written to instruct them.” So Moses got up, accompanied by Joshua his aide. And Moses climbed up the mountain of God. He told the elders of Israel, “Wait for us here until we return to you. You have Aaron and Hur with you; if there are any problems, go to them.”

Then Moses climbed the mountain. The Cloud covered the mountain. The Glory of God settled over Mount Sinai. The Cloud covered it for six days. On the seventh day God called out of the Cloud to Moses. In the view of the Israelites below, the Glory of God looked like a raging fire at the top of the mountain. Moses entered the middle of the Cloud and climbed the mountain. Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“A Glimpse of Glory: Courtesy of God and Clorox”

Mark 9:2-8

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain. His appearance changed from the inside out, right before their eyes. His clothes shimmered, glistening white, whiter than any bleach could make them. Elijah, along with Moses, came into view, in deep conversation with Jesus.

Peter interrupted, “Rabbi, this is a great moment! Let’s build three memorials—one for you, one for Moses, one for Elijah.” He blurted this out without thinking, stunned as they all were by what they were seeing. Just then a light-radiant cloud enveloped them, and from deep in the cloud, a voice: “This is my Son, marked by my love. Listen to him.” The next minute the disciples were looking around, rubbing their eyes, seeing nothing but Jesus, only Jesus.

**Musical Interlude**

Janet Hill

**Choir Song**

Wade Tambara,  
Guest Conductor

“One World, One Communion” by Pepper Choplin