



## The Celebration of Worship

March 9, 2025 • 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Sue Goodwin
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Throughout these forty days of Lent, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause your gift of new life to flourish in us once again. In a world where we worry about tomorrow instead of enjoying today, we come to worship You and bring ourselves fully into Your presence. God, we need Your loving heart and the companionship of Your Spirit so that we may experience Your amazing grace. Send Your Spirit to fill us so that we may receive what You have for us today, and be equipped to do the work of Your kingdom. We welcome Your presence with us as we worship and journey through this Lenten season. Amen.*

**Prelude** Nancy Arata-Fong

### \*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

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Holy Spirit of God, out of the fullness of Your love, we have received grace upon grace.

**People: Loving Lord Jesus, obedient unto death, source of all comfort, You are our life, our hope and our resurrection.**

**All: Jesus Christ, Savior of all who trust in You, Redeemer of the world, as You gave Yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Receive our grateful praise and worship!**

### \*Opening Hymn: Shout to the Lord (#2074 black songbook)

*Refrain.* Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty  
love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You

*Refrain.*

### Invitation to Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: The path to authentic renewal is through repentance.  
In order to become more like Jesus, we must be willing to let  
Him reveal the parts of our lives that need to be changed.  
Trusting in God's mercy, let's bring our lives before Christ now.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as  
the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd  
first begun.

### \*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:	Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Ushers:	Betsy Eskridge, Judy Fukuman
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Russ Hart
Parking:	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Tak & Judy Fukuman

**\*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**

Sue Goodwin

**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: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (#280)**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

**Prayer of Confession**

Sue Goodwin

Leader: O God, we confess our reluctance to move into this Lenten journey. This year the past seems pleasant in comparison with the chaotic present and the unknown future.

**People: God of mercy, throughout these forty days of Lent, cleanse our hearts of all that is not holy, and cause Your gift of new life to flourish in us once again.**

**All: Help us discover the gifts of power, talent, and energy You give us, that we might bring healing and hope into a broken world. Give us grace to live in obedience to Your Spirit, so that we may become channels of Your saving 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**

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the gospel: By the power of Christ's Spirit, God forgives our sin, strengthens our resolve, and renews us, so that we may help to make the world more nearly what God wants it to be.

**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**

Sue Goodwin

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:**

Sue Goodwin

*Children and youth may now leave for YES.***\*Hymn of Reflection:** Be Thou My Vision (#339)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**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)**

Miko Kumagai

Joel 2:12

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.

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

Sue Goodwin

Psalm 51:1-7

Generous in love—God, give grace!

Huge in mercy—wipe out my bad record.

Scrub away my guilt, soak out my sins in your laundry.

I know how bad I've been; my sins are staring me down.

You're the One I've violated, and you've seen

it all, seen the full extent of my evil.

You have all the facts before you;

whatever you decide about me is fair.

I've been out of step with you for a long time,

in the wrong since before I was born.

What you're after is truth from the inside out.

Purify me, then; conceive a new, true life.

Soak me in your laundry and I'll come out clean,

scrub me and I'll have a holy life.

**Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Project Runway Series: "Park Your Parka, and See Life Anew"

Mark 10:46-52

They spent some time in Jericho. As Jesus was leaving town, trailed by his disciples and a parade of people, a blind beggar by the name of Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus, was sitting alongside the road. When he heard that Jesus the Nazarene was passing by, he began to cry out, "Son of David, Jesus! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Many tried to hush him up, but he yelled all the louder, "Son of David! Mercy, have mercy on me!" Jesus stopped in his tracks. "Call him over." They called him. "It's your lucky day! Get up! He's calling you to come!" Throwing off his coat, he was on his feet at once and came to Jesus. Jesus said, "What can I do for you?" The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." "On your way," said Jesus. "Your faith has saved and healed you." In that very instant he recovered his sight and followed Jesus down the road.

**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.**