

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:	Maurine Huang, Luda Wright
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
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Sound System:	Titus Toyama
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Altar Flowers:	Michael & Luda Wright



The Celebration of Worship

March 30, 2025 • 4th Sunday of Lent & PPW Installation

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Dave McGill
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

O Heart which seeks our own: we yearn for Your presence in our lives. You journey with us, leading us closer to the cross; You center us on the One we are to follow, so we can see Jesus clearly. In the silence and in the songs and prayers, in the Word, and in the depths of our hidden souls, Steadfast Love, come to us and make us whole.

- Thom Shuman

Prelude

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*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: Eternal God, You adorn the earth with the beauty of each season;

People: Awaken us to Your loving care as You life up our hearts with springtime splendor and new life.

Leader: Lord of heaven and earth, all creation reflects your artistic majesty.

All: With reverent adoration we proclaim Your glory and sing Your praise.

*Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies (#487)

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: may Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find: may Jesus Christ be praised! Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound: may Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Be this while life is mine, my canticle divine: may Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song through all the ages long: may Jesus Christ be praised!

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: When we pray to God, confess our sins and ask for forgiveness, we place the brokenness of our lives before God. The part of each week that we have failed, the portion of our lives that we regret. Let's bring our repentant hearts to God in prayer.

us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

*Sending Hymn: O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (#466)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

*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.)

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killer of prophets,
abuser of the messengers of God!
How often I've longed to gather your children,
gather your children like a hen,
Her brood safe under her wings—
but you refused and turned away!
And now it's too late: You won't see me again
until the day you say,
‘Blessed is he
who comes in
the name of God.’”

Musical Interlude

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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

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

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: You give us Your Spirit and commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old destructive choices.

People: Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness.

Leader: Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may our every word be shaped by Your Word; may all our thoughts and actions be inspired by Your Spirit of grace;

All: So everyone we meet may see Your transforming work in us, through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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: When honesty and humility replace excuses, when we seek wholeness through the One broken for us, then we remember we are saved by God's powerful love.

People: We are forgiven, to bring God's grace to our world; we are strengthened in faith, to become hope for others; we are set free from our captivity to sin and self-centeredness, so we may become servants of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God. 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**

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

Choir Song

“Esto Les Digo” by Kinley Lange

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See insert.

***Hymn of Reflection:** Called as Partners in Christ's Service (#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

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

Psalms 139:23-24

The Psalmist prayed, “Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way.”

2nd Scripture Reading

Dave McGill

Colossians 3:8-10 Put on the New Self

But you know better now, so make sure it's all gone for good: bad temper, irritability, meanness, profanity, abusive talk. 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.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Crucial Choices: Feathers or Fangs?” Luke 10:16-19

Just then some Pharisees came up and said, “Run for your life! Herod's got your number. He's out to kill you!” Jesus said, “Tell that fox that I've no time for him right now. Today and tomorrow I'm busy clearing out the demons and healing the sick; the third day I'm wrapping things up. Besides, it's not proper for a prophet to come to a bad end outside Jerusalem.”