

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain.

***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:	Jana Nakase-Lee, Sachiko Yoshikawa
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Kris Sazaki
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Sound System:	Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Parkview Church, in Memory of Tomiyo Ishizaki



The Celebration of Worship

April 6, 2025 • 5th Sunday of Lent

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Judy Fukuman

Pianist:

Wade Tambara

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Miyo Uchida

Communion Elders:

Carla Hart, Hach Yasumura

YES:

Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*In the buds on the trees eager to burst;
in the flowers poking their heads out of the dirt;
in the children chasing spring in their yard:
we see how You cherish us, God of steadfast love.*

*In the birds which rush into the sky from spring green branches;
in the words we are given to offer to the empty-hearted:
we see how you inspire us, Breath of our souls*

*As we worship you, Creator of life: bring us Your light, we pray.
Refresher of weary, worried lives: fill us with Your overflowing grace.
For You are our Resurrection and our Life. Amen*

- Thom Shuman

Prelude

Wade Tambara

** Those who can, please stand*

***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

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Let's adore the God of love who created us; Who sustains us every moment; Who has loved us with everlasting love, and given us light, truth and grace in Jesus Christ.

People: We praise You O God; we acknowledge you to be the Lord of all.

Leader: Let's glory in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ; and trust in the wisdom of the Holy Spirit; that we may seek God above all things, and know God's presence in each moment.

All: Holy Lord Jesus, on our Lenten journey and always, we yearn to be filled with Your Life. We open our lives to You and bring You our heartfelt praise.

***Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (#306)**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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**

Judy Fukuman

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: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#276)**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

***Communion Hymn: O How He Loves You and Me**
(#2108 black songbook)

Oh, how He loves you and me, Oh, how He loves you and me.
He gave his life, what more could He give?
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

Jesus to Calvary did go, His love for sinners to show.
What He did there brought hope from despair.
Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;
Oh, how He loves you and me.

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,

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: During the season of Lent when we examine our lives, there's much about ourselves that is less wholesome than God's intent. We know our faults – the way we have treated others, our distance from God, our inability to trust God in the midst of hard times. We won't hide our sins or remain silent, but will confess them to the One who surrounds us with steadfast love.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Redeeming God of grace, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We come before you now, aware of how anxious our lives have become; we are a collection of fearful thoughts, disrupted intentions and frayed nerves.

People: Forgive us when we fall short of Your claim upon our lives. When we give in to self-pity or despair and lose our sense of humor and hope.

Leader: You call us to use our resources to work together to attend to urgent needs in our world, but sometimes in our hurried, self-centered lives, we fail to be good neighbors.

All: Gracious God, give us Your steadfast heart so that we can give others Your love. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: God's love is constant and sure, always providing a way out, a way through, a way back to God. Believe the Good News of the Gospel:

All: 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**

Judy Fukuman

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.

Choir Song

“You Say” by Lauren Daigle, Jason Ingram & Paul Mabury

Children’s Message:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

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)

Miyo Uchida

Psalms 103:1-5

O my soul, bless God.

From head to toe, I’ll bless God’s holy name!

O my soul, bless God, don’t forget a single blessing!

God forgives your sins—every one. God heals your diseases and saves your life!

God crowns you with love and mercy—a paradise crown.

God wraps you in goodness—beauty eternal.

God renews your youth—you’re always young in God’s presence.

2nd Scripture Reading

Judy Fukuman

Romans 12:9-19 Living a Christian Life

Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle. Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder.

Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy; share tears when they’re down. Get along with each other; don’t be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody. Don’t hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you’ve got it in you, get along with everybody. Don’t insist on getting even; that’s not for you to do. “I’ll do the judging,” says God. “I’ll take care of it.”

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“A Living Legacy” John 12:1-11

Six days before Passover, Jesus entered Bethany where Lazarus, whom Jesus had recently raised from the dead, was living. Lazarus and his sisters invited Jesus to dinner at their home. Martha served. Lazarus was one of those sitting at the table with them. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive aromatic oils, anointed and massaged Jesus’ feet, and then wiped them with her hair. The fragrance of the oils filled the house. Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, even then getting ready to betray him, said, “Why wasn’t this oil sold and the money given to the poor? It would have easily brought three hundred silver pieces.” He said this not because he cared two cents about the poor but because he was a thief. He was in charge of their common funds, but also embezzled them.

Jesus said, “Let her alone. She’s anticipating and honoring the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you. You don’t always have me.” Word got out among the Jews that Jesus was back in town. The people came to take a look, not only at Jesus but also at Lazarus, who had been raised from the dead. So the high priests plotted to kill Lazarus because so many of the Jews were going over and believing in Jesus on account of him.

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara