

**\*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

“He Is Exalted” (#2070 black songbook)

*Sing 2 times*

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.

*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, Miyo Uchida
Ushers:	Miko Kumagai, Miyo Uchida
Parking Barriers (Sat):	Jonathan Sakakibara
Parking:	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Edwin & Lisa Imura, in memory of Takeo & Frances Imura
Coffee Time:	PPW Circle 2



## The Celebration of Worship

April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Carla Hart

Pianist:

Janet Hill

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Miko Kumagai

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God, who can change night into day and darkness into light, and to  
whom even death is not an end, we praise You that your glory has dawned  
upon us and brought us to this Day of Resurrection!*

*Living Redeemer, God of all, fill our lives with courage and hope and roll  
away the stone of every resistance to Your will. Thanks be to our God for  
the indescribable gift of new life in Jesus Christ! 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.**

### Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: We begin our worship service today with the greeting  
the Church has proclaimed for centuries on Easter morning...  
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

**\*Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (#123)**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise eternal as God's love. Al-le-lu-ia!  
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

**Welcome and Announcements**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**Invitation to Confession**

Carla Hart

Leader: Almighty God sent Jesus into the world to teach and preach, to love and heal, then suffer, die and rise again for our sake. May we experience God's transforming resurrection power within our lives as we offer prayers of confession in the name and Spirit of Christ our Lord.

**Prayer of Confession**

Carla Hart

Leader: Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain You. Emptier of tombs, on this day when we celebrate Your victory over the grave, we confess how broken we are. Call to new life all that is dead or despairing within us.

**People: Lord of Life, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that enslaves us: worry, apathy, addictions, bitterness and hopelessness.**

**\*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**

Carla Hart

**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: The Day of Resurrection! (#118)**

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from this world to the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light;  
And, listening to His accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
His own, "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth the song begin,  
Let the round world keep triumph and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus's head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and she told them that he had said these things to her.

#### 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.**

**People: Forgive us for the damage we do to ourselves and to this amazing world You have made. We may not intentionally hurt others, but sometimes we fail to do good when we have the chance. Help us to trust that Your power can make us new.**

**All: Holy God, through the power of Jesus' resurrection, change our lives, and use us to transform the world. That all of creation may be filled with the abundant life of our Risen Lord. Amen.**

-adapted from *Where the Broken Gather*  
by Thom Shuman

#### *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

Carla Hart

Leader: Jesus comes to offer God's grace and forgive us, to set us free from shame and guilt and all that holds us back. Sisters and brothers, the power of resurrection is at work in us and through us!

**All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and risen to new life with Christ, that, in the midst of our hurting world, we may show forth God's radiant, reviving glory. 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

Carla Hart

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

“The Risen Lamb” by Lee Dengler

## The Gospel in Story

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

**\*Hymn of Celebration:** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!  
(#104)

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

## 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)

Aki Kumagai

Matthew 28:5b-6

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; for I know that you are looking for Jesus who has been crucified. He is not here; for He has risen, just as He said.”

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

Carla Hart

Isaiah 65:17-25 New Heavens and a New Earth

“Pay close attention now: I’m creating new heavens and a new earth. All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain are things of the past, to be forgotten. Look ahead with joy. Anticipate what I’m creating: I’ll create Jerusalem as sheer joy, create my people as pure delight. I’ll take joy in Jerusalem, take delight in my people: No more sounds of weeping in the city, no cries of anguish; No more babies dying in the cradle, or old people who don’t enjoy a full lifetime; One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—anything less will seem like a cheat. They’ll build houses and move in. They’ll plant fields and eat what they grow. No more building a house that some outsider takes over. No more planting fields that some enemy confiscates. For my people will be as long-lived as trees, my chosen ones will have satisfaction in their work. They won’t work and have nothing come of it, they won’t have children snatched out from under them. For they themselves are plantings blessed by God, with their children and grandchildren likewise God-blessed. Before they call out, I’ll answer. Before they’ve finished speaking, I’ll have heard. Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow, lion and ox eat straw from the same trough, but snakes—they’ll get a diet of dirt! Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill anywhere on my Holy Mountain,” says God.

## Sermon & 3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.