

***Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Special Song

“Amen”

Sakura Chorus

***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

Haruko Sakakibara

“Andante Favori” by L. van Beethoven

In Appreciation:

Greeters:

Terri Bowman, Luyan Tang

Ushers:

Terri Bowman, Julie Chew

Parking:

Gary Younglove

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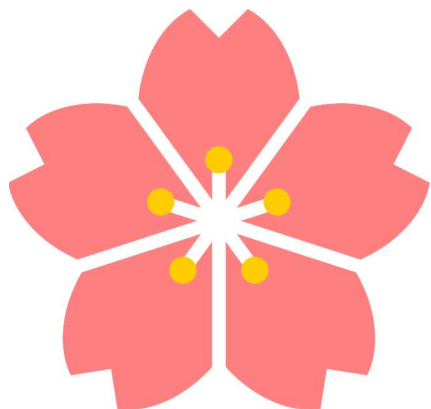
Titus Toyama

Zoom Moderator/Greeter:

Lois Van Beers

Altar Flowers:

Jonathan & Haruko Sakakibara



The Celebration of Worship

May 4, 2025 • Third Sunday of Eastertide

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Donna Komure-Toyama

Pianist:

Haruko Sakakibara

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Haruko Sakakibara

Communion Elders:

Steve Hanway, Hach Yasumura

YES:

Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

Gracious Redeemer, we bless you for Your incredible love that endured the cross and the grave so that we might find new life and hope as Your Easter people. Give us a yearning for Your Spirit in our lives and in this church, so we may grow in faithfulness to You, and effectiveness for Your Kingdom.

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

*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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: O wondrous Christ, Light of the world, hope of the despairing, come into our lives and empower us to be Your joyful, resilient community.

People: Living Christ, healer of the wounded, come to us as we worship and make us more whole.

All: Risen, glorified Christ, we open our hearts and lift our voices to You, our life-giving Lord!

*Opening Hymn: Come Sing, O Church, in Joy! (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme, empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song! For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Invitation to Confession

Leader: We can hold onto hurt until our hands cramp. We can refuse to set down grudges because we've grown so used to them they've become a part of us. But God's offer of cleansing grace never goes away. Let's dare to bring our whole lives to the One who delights to hear us and forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Holy One, now that Easter is past, we no longer hear resurrection melodies, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains.

*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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Joys & Concerns

Donna Komure-Toyama

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: Christ Is Alive! (#108)

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, but saving, healing, here and now, and touching every place and time.

Not throned afar, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains, but daily, in the midst of life, our Savior in the Godhead reigns

In every insult, rift, and war where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, where even hope has died.

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Refrain.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain.

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.

People: God of seaside breakfasts, You offer to lead us out of our chaotic lives. You challenge us to fish from the other side of our worries and doubts, so we may pull in all the grace and compassion You provide for us in Christ.

All: Risen Lord, rescue us from self-pity and despair. Turn our hearts toward You to receive Your transforming hope and peace.

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: God rejoices in our longing for wholeness and promises us forgiveness and the power to change our lives and the world.

People: God hears our prayers of regret and repentance and sets us free to be a faith community that follows Jesus' example of love-in-action.

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of a fresh start. 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

Donna Komure-Toyama

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.

Special Performance

Sakura Chorus

Uta no Tsubasa ni" ("On Wings of Songs)" by Mendelssohn

Children's Message

Jonathan Sakakibara

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)

Haruko Sakakibara

Matthew 16:24-26 The Message

Then Jesus went to work on his disciples. "Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You're not in the driver's seat; I am. Don't run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I'll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to finding yourself, your true self. What kind of deal is it to get everything you want but lose yourself? What could you ever trade your soul for?"

2nd Scripture Reading

Donna Komure-Toyama

Psalms 90:13-17

Do return, O Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us and as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work appear to your servants and your majesty to their children.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Life on the Other Side"

John 21:1-14

After these things, Jesus revealed himself to his disciples again, this time at the Sea of Galilee. And here is how he revealed himself. Simon Peter, Thomas (nicknamed "Twin"), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the brothers Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. Simon Peter announced, "I'm going fishing."

The rest of them replied, "We're going with you." They went out and got in the boat. They caught nothing that night. When the sun came up, Jesus was standing on the beach, but they didn't recognize him.

Jesus spoke to them: "Good morning! Did you catch anything for breakfast?" They answered, "No." He said, "Throw the net off the right side of the boat and see what happens." They did what he said. All of a sudden there were so many fish in it, they weren't strong enough to pull it in. Then the disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It's the Master!"

When Simon Peter realized that it was the Master, he threw on some clothes, for he was stripped for work, and dove into the sea. The other disciples came in by boat for they weren't far from land, a hundred yards or so, pulling along the net full of fish. When they got out of the boat, they saw a fire laid, with fish and bread cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you've just caught." Simon Peter joined them and pulled the net to shore—153 big fish! And even with all those fish, the net didn't rip.

Jesus said, "Breakfast is ready." Not one of the disciples dared ask, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Master. Jesus then took the bread and gave it to them. He did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus revealed himself to the disciples after he had been raised from the dead.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

"Jesus Loves Me" by William B. Bradbury, Arr. by Phil Hamm

*Communion Hymn: Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks (#106)

Refrain. Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Refrain.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.