

***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

*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:	Irene Uno, Lynn Yamamoto
Ushers:	Lyn Haberstock, Donna Komure-Toyama
Parking:	Dave McGill
Sound System:	Liam Wright
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Steve & Janet Hill



The Celebration of Worship

June 15, 2025 • Father’s Day & Pride Sunday

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Judy Fukuman

Pianist:

Janet Hill

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Worship

*God, our perfect Parent, we give thanks for Your love for us, compassionate
and patient, which has carried us and wept with us in our pain, and
supported us in our confusion. We give thanks for Your love for us, strong
and challenging, which asks us to take risks for You, calls forth the best in
us, and shows us how to serve. For You have created us for community, and
together we are the rainbow colors of love. Gracious God, draw us into
Your presence as we worship You and celebrate Your love made known to
all the world in Jesus Christ.*

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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Judy Fukuman

Leader: We gather together to celebrate God's presence in our lives and in our world.

People: God's love fills our hearts with faith and peace.

Leader: We gather in God's presence to find comfort for our pain and hope to share with the world.

People: God's grace permeates our hearts and knits us together as family.

All: We gather together, in God's presence, to worship God with joy.

*Opening Hymn: To God Be the Glory (#485)

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: When we offer our confession to God, we join the ongoing work of reconciliation, which starts with our being reconciled to God. Trusting our Partner in grace, let's bring our faults and failings to God.

Who am I that the highest King would welcome me?

I was lost, but He brought me in,
Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.

Free at last, He has ransomed me, His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin, Jesus died for me, yes, He died for me.

Who the Son sets free, oh, is free indeed.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am.
In my Father's house, there's a place for me.
I'm a child of God, yes, I am

I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am
I am chosen, not forsaken, I am who You say I am.
You are for me, not against me, I am who You say I am.
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*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Jesus said, “The first in importance is, ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.’ And here is the second: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ There is no other commandment that ranks with these.”

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.

*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

Pastoral Prayer & 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: “Who You Say I Am” (Hillsong Worship)

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Compassionate God, we admit that sometimes we don’t know what to do with ourselves. Some days we feel angry and discouraged, overwhelmed by the suffering all around us.

People: God of wisdom and mercy, teach us to love and accept ourselves and others as You love us. Help us bring curiosity, kindness and patience to every interaction.

All: Lord, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts and our planet, torn apart by cruelty and selfishness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us. Forgive us for giving up and giving in. Help us commit to deeper connection with others, and with You.

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 is in our past, forgiving us. God is present with us now, our comfort and strength. And God will be with us in the days to come, empowering us to bring love and justice to the world.

All: We believe in the transforming power of the gospel. 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**

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

“We Shall Not Be Moved” Traditional Spiritual

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Reflection: This Is My Father’s World (#293)**

This is my Father’s world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father’s world: Oh, let me ne’er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet. This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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)

Michael Wright

Isaiah 43:1-4

But now, God’s Message, the God who made you in the first place, Jacob, the One who got you started, Israel: “Don’t be afraid, I’ve redeemed you. I’ve called your name. You’re mine. When you’re in over your head, I’ll be there with you. When you’re in rough waters, you will not go down.

When you’re between a rock and a hard place, it won’t be a dead end—Because I am God, your personal God, The Holy of Israel, your Savior.

2nd Scripture Reading

Judy Fukuman

Matthew 1:18-25

The birth of Jesus took place like this. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. Before they enjoyed their wedding night, Joseph discovered she was pregnant. (It was by the Holy Spirit, but he didn’t know that.) Joseph, chagrined but noble, determined to take care of things quietly so Mary would not be disgraced. While he was trying to figure a way out, he had a dream. God’s angel spoke in the dream: “Joseph, son of David, don’t hesitate to get married. Mary’s pregnancy is Spirit-conceived. God’s Holy Spirit has made her pregnant. She will bring a son to birth, and when she does, you, Joseph, will name him Jesus—‘God saves’—because he will save his people from their sins.” This would bring the prophet’s revelation to full term: Watch for this—a virgin will get pregnant and bear a son; They will name him Immanuel (Hebrew for “God is with us”). Then Joseph woke up. He did exactly what God’s angel commanded in the dream: He married Mary. But he did not consummate the marriage until she had the baby. He named the baby Jesus.

Sermon & 3rd Scripture Reading

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Bridge Over Troubled Water”

Mark 12:28-34

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: “Which is most important of all the commandments?”