

**\*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**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Haruko Sakakibara  
by G.F. Kaufmann  
(1679-1735)

*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:	Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Ushers:	Luda Wright, Michael Wright
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers:	Hach & Linda Yasumura



**The Celebration of Worship**

July 6, 2025 • Immigration Sunday

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Carla Hart
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
Communion Elders:	Pattie Hashimoto, Hach Yasumura

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Bless our beautiful land, O Lord, with its wonderful variety of people, of races, cultures, and languages. May we be a nation of laughter and joy, of justice and reconciliation, of peace and unity, of compassion, caring, and sharing. We pray this prayer for a true patriotism, in the powerful name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

- Archbishop Desmond Tutu

**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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: From shore to shore let God's praise be sung.

**People: From mountains high to valleys low, let thankful, humble hearts glorify God.**

Leader: We bless you, God of the covenant. You are present with us in Word and Sacrament, by water and the Spirit, so we join with all Your works in praising Your great glory.

**All: Almighty God, we proclaim Your steadfast love and faithfulness with a song of grateful joy.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** From All That Dwell Below the Skies  
(#229)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue,  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Christ has set us free from everything that might oppress or ensnare us. But we shouldn't confuse this with the right to do whatever we wish. No, for we are called to serve others, and to share God's hope and joy with everyone we meet. Let's share our faults and failings with God now, and ask for God's forgiveness.

## 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

Carla Hart

### 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:** My Country, 'Tis of Thee (#561)  
*Sing verses 1, 3, and 4*

My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song.  
Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;  
let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

Our fathers' God to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing.  
Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;  
Protect us by Thy might, great God, our King.

with his strong hand and long arm,  
with signs and miracle-wonders.  
And he brought us to this place,  
gave us this land flowing with milk and honey.  
So here I am. I've brought the firstfruits  
of what I've grown on this ground you gave me, O God.

Then place it in the Presence of God, your God. Bow low in  
the Presence of God, your God. And rejoice! Celebrate all the  
good things that God, your God, has given you and your  
family; you and the Levite and the foreigner who lives with you.

**Musical Interlude** Haruko Sakakibara  
“Priere” (“Prayer”) by Théodore-César Salomé (1834-1896)

### 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

### Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Holy God, You call us to work for justice and peace,  
to treat everyone with love and respect, and to insist that our  
officials act justly and with mercy.

**People: O Lord, You know, and we know, that's not how it  
is. Some misuse their power by supporting legislation to  
benefit themselves and their causes, while harming  
others. We yearn to honor You and protect vulnerable  
people, but confess that at times we feel overwhelmed by  
all hurt and harm around us.**

Leader: Refresh us with Your grace when we grow discouraged  
by all the suffering we see in the world.

**All: Forgive us for the ways we have failed You and each  
other, for the sake of Him who is perfect Love and Justice:  
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

Carla Hart

Leader: Friends, think of all that God has done for you; recall  
how God's love comes to you in uplifting and lifechanging  
ways;

**People: We will remember all the wonder, all the grace, all  
the freedom which is ours. From the rich abundance of  
God's love, we will serve others. 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

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.**

### Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### \*Hymn of Reflection: O Beautiful for Spacious Skies (#564)

*Sing verse 1,3, and this version 4*

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than  
life! America! America! May God thy gold refine till all success  
be nobleness and every gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years  
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw; confirm thy  
soul in self control, thy liberty and law!

### 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 11:28-30 from *The Message*

Jesus said, "Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion?  
Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll  
show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with  
me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace.  
I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company  
with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly."

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

Carla Hart

Galatians 5:1

Christ has set us free to live a free life. So take your stand!  
Never again let anyone put a harness of slavery on you.

Galatians 5:13-15

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do  
not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but  
through love become servants to one another. For the whole  
law is summed up in a single commandment,  
"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."  
If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you  
are not consumed by one another.

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Deliverance and Freedom" Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Once you enter the land that God, your God, is giving you as  
an inheritance and take it over and settle down, you are to take  
some of all the firstfruits of what you grow in the land that  
God, your God, is giving you, put them in a basket and go to  
the place God, your God, sets apart for you to worship him. At  
that time, go to the priest who is there and say, "I announce to  
God, your God, today that I have entered the land that God  
promised our ancestors that he'd give to us." The priest will  
take the basket from you and place it on the Altar of God, your  
God. And there in the Presence of God, your God, you will  
recite:

A wandering Aramean was my father,  
he went down to Egypt and sojourned there,  
he and just a handful of his brothers at first, but soon  
they became a great nation, mighty and many.  
The Egyptians abused and battered us,  
in a cruel and savage slavery.  
We cried out to God, the God-of-Our-Fathers:  
He listened to our voice, he saw  
our destitution, our trouble, our cruel plight.  
And God took us out of Egypt