

## 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: Carla Hart, Jana Nakase-Lee  
Ushers: Carla Hart, Jack Nordman  
Parking: Russ Hart  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart  
Altar Flowers: Steve & Jana (Nakase) Lee



## The Celebration of Worship

July 13, 2025 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara  
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor  
Japanese Reader: Miko Kumagai

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Great is your love for us, Welcoming God.  
Your grace is higher than the farthest star;  
Your peace is deeper than our greatest emptiness;  
Your hope stretches into all eternity.  
When we open our lives to You, You fill us with Your joy.  
As we worship, You whisper, ‘come closer,’ inviting us into Your heart.  
Today, we open our hearts to receive your goodness and light. Amen.*

### 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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Blessed is Creator God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

**People: Blessed is Jesus Christ, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.**

Leader: Blessed is God's Spirit, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

**People: Thanks be to You, holy God, Your compassion is poured out on every single person.**

**All: Thanks be to You, Lord Jesus, for walking the paths of the world with us, tearing down distrust and division with Your loving acceptance of all people.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
(#138)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

**\*Sending Hymn:** The Summons (#2130 black songbook)

*Sing verses 1, 2, 4, 5*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world  
around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you  
in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**\*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.)*

The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

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

### 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** Jonathan Sakakibara

**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.**

**Invitation to Confession** Jonathan Sakakibara

**Leader:** God calls us to love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Do you love God? Do you show it in your words, your thoughts, your actions? Do you love your neighbor? Do they know this by your presence, your grace, your friendship? Or are you so focused on yourself that you have little time, little room, little interest in others, or in God? Let’s confess the limits of our love, so we might be filled with God’s limitless patience and mercy.

**Prayer of Confession** Jonathan Sakakibara

**Leader:** They may not be beaten down or lying by the road, but there are people we pass by, Watching God.

**People: Some are family and friends we take for granted.**

**Leader:** Others are neighbors who have been left half-dead by crushing work; who have fallen into the hands of despair; Many are strangers, people we don’t know, but we judge:

**People: Rescue us from the power of our sins, holy God.**

**Pour out Your justice on us, rather than Your judgment, that we would be moved with concern and empowered to take action.**

### *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** Jonathan Sakakibara

**Leader:** Jesus Christ doesn’t pass us by, but stoops to lift us up and carry us out of our pain. Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with God’s peace.

**People: God’s mercy reaches into our lives and into our world’s ditches with powerful compassion to make us whole. We will go and do likewise.**

**All: 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** Jonathan Sakakibara

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:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

**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)** Miko Kumagai

Hebrews 13:1-2

Stay on good terms with each other, held together by love.  
Be ready with a meal or a bed when it's needed. Why, some have extended hospitality to angels without ever knowing it!

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Jonathan Sakakibara

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and will all your soul and with all your might.

Leviticus 19:18

You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading & Sermon** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Kindness of Strangers” Luke 10:25-37

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the Law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” And He said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this and you will live.” But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn and took care of him. c