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**The Celebration of Worship**

August 17, 2025 • 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Betsy Eskridge
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Our thoughts of you, O Lord, have been too small, too few...  
You are the God of Justice, the God of Wisdom,  
the God of Mercy, the God of Redemption.  
You are The Lord of Love.  
You were before all things, you created all things, and in you all things are  
held together. There is no corner of creation you will fail to redeem.  
You are Lord of Lords, and KING of Kings.  
O Jesus Christ, our King of Everything.  
Adapted from *Every Moment Holy* by Douglas McKelvey*

**\*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

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Let's praise God, for the joyful awakening of each dawn, announced by singing birds and the return of light to guide our steps.

**People: Let's praise God, for refreshing breeze and warm sun, for the constancy of waves on the shore and the dazzling beauty of a glowing sunset.**

**All: We praise You, O God, our Creator, Comforter, and Redeemer, for Your abundant grace and holy presence in all the world.**

**\*Opening Hymn:** Shout to the Lord (#2074 in black songbook)

*Refrain.* Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing,  
Power and majesty, praise to the King.  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of Your name.  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty  
love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.  
Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

*Refrain.*

**\*Sending Hymn:** Take My Life (#391)

*Sing verses 1, 2, 4, 5, 6.*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless  
praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shall choose,  
Every power as Thou shall choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne,  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

**\*Benediction**

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**\*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.*

Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and eat, drink and be merry.' "Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?' Jesus said, "That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God."

### 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

Betsy Eskridge

### 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

Betsy Eskridge

**Leader:** God isn't mean-spirited or vengeful. There's nothing we have done, and nothing we will ever do, that is enough to separate us from the love of God made known to us in Jesus. God is gracious and merciful, always willing to listen to our prayers, to hear our hearts. Trusting that we can be forgiven, let's join in the prayer of confession to God.

### Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

**Leader:** Gracious God, we live in a world that focuses on gathering things. We collect clothes and kitchenware, gadgets, even people.

**People:** We focus our energy on our possessions and collections, making special space for them. Yet sometimes we neglect the needs of others, those for whom life is a constant struggle. God, we're sorry for the ways in which we have failed You, and others. Please forgive us.

**All:** Help us look at the ways in which our wealth, of resources and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Empower us to offer what You have so generously given us to those in need, and to care for this world. 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

Betsy Eskridge

**Leader:** God walks with us and guides our steps. God's blessings have been poured upon us to enjoy, and to use to help others.

**All:** Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and freed to reach out in compassion and bring hope and justice to those in need. 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** Betsy Eskridge

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:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand  
(#834 in Glory to God hymnal)

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near;  
when my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

**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

Psalm 27:13-14

I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see God's goodness in the land of the living.  
Wait for the Lord; Be strong, take heart, don't quit.  
Stay with God.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Betsy Eskridge

Mark 10:35-37, 41-45

James and John, Zebedee's sons, came up to Jesus. "Teacher, we have something we want you to do for us. "What is it? I'll see what I can do." "Arrange it," they said, "so that we will be awarded the highest places of honor in your glory—one of us at your right, the other at your left."... When the other ten heard of this conversation, they lost their tempers with James and John. Jesus got them together to settle things down. "You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around," he said, "and when people get a little power how quickly it goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your servant. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not to be served—and to give away his life a ransom for many."

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

"Traveling Light" Luke 13:16-21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?" Then He said to them, "Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has abundance does their life consist of their possessions."

And then He told them a story, saying, "The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.'