

***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

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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:

Ian Davis, Mieko Davis

Ushers:

Mieko Davis, William Yee

Parking:

Gary Younglove

Sound System:

Dave McGill

Zoom Moderator/Greeter:

Lois Van Beers

Altar Flowers:

Ian & Mieko Davis

Sakura Chorus:

Haruko Sakakibara, director



The Celebration of Worship

October 5, 2025 • World Communion Sunday

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Sue Goodwin

Pianist:

Nancy Arata-Fong

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Miyo Uchida

YES:

Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

Table Blessing by Jan Richardson

*To your table you bid us come. You have set the places, you have poured the
wine, and there is always room, you say, for one more. And so we come.
From the streets and from the alleys we come. From the deserts and from
the hills we come. From the ravages of poverty and from the palaces of
privilege we come.*

Running, limping, carried, we come.

*We are bloodied with our wars, we are wearied with our wounds, we carry
our dead within us, and we reckon with their ghosts. We hold the seeds of
healing, we dream of a new creation, we know the things that make for
peace, and we struggle to give them wings. And yet, to your table we come.
Hungering for your bread, we come; thirsting for your wine, we come;
singing your song in every language, speaking your name in every tongue,
in conflict and in communion, in discord and in desire, we come, O God of
Wisdom, we come.*

** Those who can, please stand*

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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

Call to Worship

Sue Goodwin

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

People: God's people called to the Table where grace nourishes us.

Leader: From down the street to across the world,

People: God calls us into unity and community, where we serve God and each other.

Leader: From every race, every nation, every culture;

All: We are called to proclaim God's hope, and offer peace to a shattered world.

*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!

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: For Everyone Born (#769 Glory to God hymnal)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born,
clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for
growing, for everyone born, a star overhead.

Refrain. and God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we
are creators of justice...justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles,
deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power
for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Refrain.

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared,
a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for
gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

Refrain.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and
simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for
everyone born, the right to be free,

Refrain.

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Sakura Chorus: "Amen"

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.

*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

Sue Goodwin

Invitation to Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: As we come to Christ's Table on World Communion Sunday, we're invited to celebrate our human connectedness, to savor diversity, and respond to insistent needs with compassion. Truth is, we've discovered how hard it is to live up to God's dream of unity, and live out our best intentions of service. Relying on God's grace, let's confess our failings and brokenness to God.

Prayer of Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Loving God, the world lives far from Your vision of beloved community. You call us to remember the poor, the marginalized, the immigrant, the isolated and abandoned.

People: You command us to love our neighbor. Yet, we cling to our self-serving, isolationist tendencies. We place our desires and comforts over the good of the world. Forgive us.

All: God of all, extend Your grace to transform our attitude and actions, and infuse us with openness, curiosity, and love. By Your Spirit, strengthen us to whole-hearted devotion.

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

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Trusting that when we confess our sin to God, we will be freed from the burden of shame and guilt and empowered to Christ's ministry in our world, believe the good news of the Gospel:

All: 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** Sue Goodwin

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.

Sakura Chorus : “Hazy Moonlight Night”

Children's Message Sue Goodwin

Children and youth may now leave for YES.

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) Miyo Uchida

Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brothers and sisters in
faith to dwell together in unity!

2nd Scripture Reading Sue Goodwin

Psalms 37:1-8

Do not get upset because of evildoers,
Do not be envious of wrongdoers.
For they will wither quickly like the grass,
And decay like the green plants.
Trust in the Lord and do good;
Live in the land and cultivate faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the Lord;

And God will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord, Trust in God,
and God will do it.

The Lord will bring out your righteousness as the light,
And your judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for God;

Do not get upset because of one who is successful in his way,
Because of the person who carries out wicked schemes.

Cease from anger and abandon wrath;

Do not get upset; it leads only to evil-doing.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Hungry Planet”

Lamentations 3:19-26

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness is
wormwood and gall! My soul continually thinks of it and is
bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I
have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his
mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion,” says my
soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The Lord is good to those
who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one
should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

***Communion Hymn:** “Let Us Break Bread Together” (#513)

Let us break bread together on our knees; (on our knees.)

Let us break bread together on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. (on me.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees; (on our knees.)

Let us drink wine together on our knees. (on our knees.)

Refrain.