

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe of Canaan's
side; songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

***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

Haruko Sakakibara

*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: Tia Kilpatrick, Luyan Tang
Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Donna Toyama-Komure
Parking: Dave McGill
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Stan & Christine Umeda
Coffee Time: Nancy Arata-Fong, Russ Hart, Titus Toyama



The Celebration of Worship

October 19, 2025 • 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Christine Umeda
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Mieko Davis

Centering Prayer for Worship

*O God, let the heavens declare your glory to us and the hills speak of your
majesty. Let the beauty of the earth be a sacrament to us that makes real
the beauty of holiness revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Holy God, from
whom all good things come, let your gifts of faith, hope and love be more
apparent in us every day. 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.**

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: Eternal God, open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and in the beauty of human life.

People: God of Grace, we celebrate these moments when we sense Your Spirit with us. We long to learn from You, the God who has spoken, and still speaks to those who will listen for Your voice.

Leader: We come to worship You, to love each other, and to serve the world.

All: Joining the good company of Your beloved children throughout history, we delight to worship You and bring You our thanks and praise.

*Opening Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory (#420)

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days, for the living of these days.

Cure Thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to Thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore.

Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore, serving Thee whom we adore.

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: To whom can we go for hope and healing? There is One who hears our prayers, who speaks words of grace to us.

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

Christine Umeda

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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (#281)

Guide Me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

That set everyone in the meeting place seething with anger. They threw him out, banishing him from the village, then took him to a mountain cliff at the edge of the village to throw him to his doom, but he gave them the slip and was on his way.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“A Tale of Cornbread and Crisco”

1 Kings 17:8-16

Eventually the brook dried up because of the drought. Then God spoke to Elijah: “Get up and go to Zarephath in Sidon and live there. I’ve instructed a woman who lives there, a widow, to feed you.” So he got up and went to Zarephath. As he came to the entrance of the village he met a woman, a widow, gathering firewood. He asked her, “Please, would you bring me a little water in a jug? I need a drink.” As she went to get it, he called out, “And while you’re at it, would you bring me something to eat?” She said, “I swear, as surely as your God lives, I don’t have so much as a biscuit. I have a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a bottle; you found me scratching together just enough firewood to make a last meal for my son and me. After we eat it, we’ll die.”

Elijah said to her, “Don’t worry about a thing. Go ahead and do what you’ve said. But first make a small biscuit for me and bring it back here. Then go ahead and make a meal from what’s left for you and your son. This is the word of the God of Israel: ‘The jar of flour will not run out and the bottle of oil will not become empty before God sends rain on the land and ends this drought.’” And she went right off and did it, did just as Elijah asked. And it turned out as he said—daily food for her and her family. The jar of meal didn’t run out and the bottle of oil didn’t become empty: God’s promise fulfilled to the letter, exactly as Elijah had delivered it!

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

Let’s come to our God who waits, longing to listen to our hearts. Please join me as we pray together.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: God of compassion, You have shown us in Christ that Your love is never-ending.

People: How wonderful are Your paths of peace, O God; forgive us when we put on shoes laced with anger.

Leader: How gracious are Your words of friendship; forgive us when harsh, destructive words pour from our mouths.

All: You alone know how often we have wandered from Your ways, wasted Your gifts, and forgotten Your constant care for us. Forgive us. Thank you for Your Spirit’s work in our lives to strengthen, encourage and guide us so that our lives bring Your glory.

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: Jesus has a fool-proof recipe for forgiveness for us. He has it memorized, never skimps or forgets a step, doesn’t use cheap ingredients or take shortcuts. Perfecting this recipe cost Him everything. Jesus is content to make this recipe of forgiveness for each of us. Every. Single. Day. He doesn’t get flustered and frustrated when we come to Him for a fresh batch of forgiveness.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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**

Christine Umeda

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

“Be Still”

by David Evans

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Reflection: What a Friend We Have in Jesus (#403)**

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms he’ll take and shield thee; you will find a solace there.

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)

Mieko Davis

Psalm 34:4-8

God met me more than halfway,
God freed me from my anxious fears.
When I was desperate, I called out,
and God got me out of a tight spot.
Open your mouth and taste, open your eyes and see—
how good God is. Blessed are you who run to God.

2nd Scripture Reading

Christine Umeda

Luke 4:16-30

Jesus came to Nazareth where he had been raised. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. When he stood up to read, he was handed the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the place where it was written,

God’s Spirit is on me;

God’s chosen me to preach the Message of good news to the poor,

Sent me to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind,

To set the burdened and battered free, to announce,

“This is God’s time to shine!”

Jesus rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the place was on him, intent. Then he started in, “You’ve just heard Scripture make history. It came true just now in this place.”

All who were there, watching and listening, were surprised at how well he spoke. But they also said, “Isn’t this Joseph’s son, the one we’ve known since he was just a kid?”

Jesus answered, “I suppose you’re going to quote the proverb, ‘Doctor, go heal yourself. Do here in your hometown what we heard you did in Capernaum.’ Well, let me tell you something: No prophet is ever welcomed in his hometown. Isn’t it a fact that there were many widows in Israel at the time of Elijah during that three and a half years of drought when famine devastated the land, but the only widow to whom Elijah was sent was in Sidon?”