

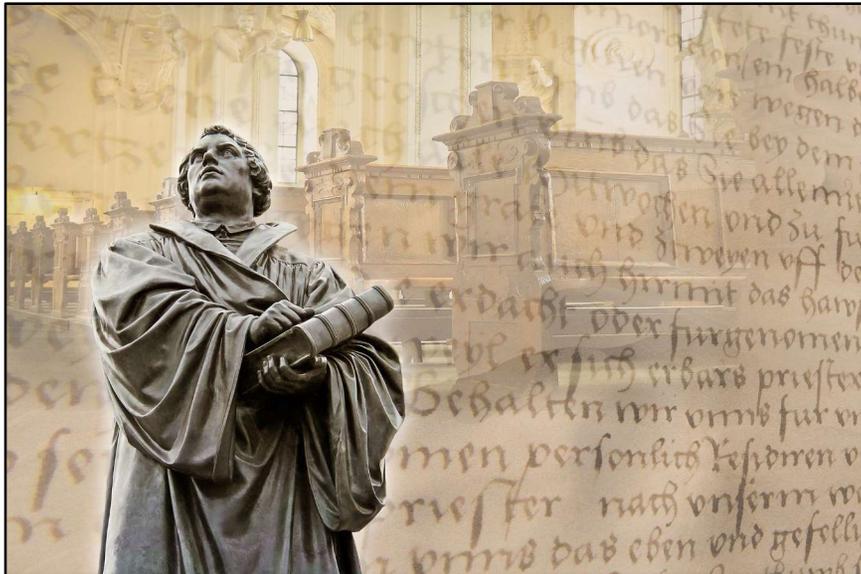
Postlude

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: Pattie Hashimoto, Gary Younglove
Ushers: Carla Hart, Lynn Yamamoto
Parking: Phillip Chew
Sound System: Liam Wright
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Altar Flowers: Jerry & Marilyn Champa



The Celebration of Worship

October 26, 2025 • Reformation Sunday

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Jonathan Sakakibara
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki

Centering Thoughts for Reformation Sunday Worship

The Heidelberg Catechism, written in Germany, the birthplace of the Protestant Reformation, is one of the best known teaching tools for Christian instruction. Perhaps the most famous Question and Answer is the first one, which reminds us that we belong to the God who loves us:

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own but belong- body and soul, in life and in death - to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. ...

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him...

Prayer: O Lord, let our souls rise up to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun. Amen.

Prelude

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** Those who can, please stand*

***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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: We gather here, so God can teach us:
how to be more compassionate and courageous.

**People: We gather here, so Christ can help us learn:
the wisdom to choose forgiveness over holding a grudge.**

Leader: We gather here, where God's Spirit imparts patience:
so we might know how to share God's welcome and reconciliation.

All: We gather here, to open our hearts to God's grace, and to offer our lives for God's purposes.

***Opening Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee! (#464)**

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun
above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of
doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of
day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect
Thy rays; stars and angels sing around Thee, center of
unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery
meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call
us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

***Sending Hymn: "When Peace Like a River" ("It is Well with My Soul") (#840 in Worship & Rejoice hymnal)**

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like
sea billows roll, whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it
is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain. It is well (It is well) with my soul; (with my soul);
It is well; it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my
helpless estate, and has shed his own blood for my soul.

Refrain.

He lives: O the bliss of this glorious thought. My sin, not in
part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain.

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall be sight, the clouds
be rolled back as a scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the Lord
shall descend; even so it is well with my soul.

Refrain.

***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.*)

Made us stewards of sheep and cattle, even animals out in the wild, Birds flying and fish swimming, whales singing in the ocean deeps. God, brilliant Lord, Your name echoes around the world.

Reformation Sunday Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave,
Maria Mar

A Visit with English mystic, Julian of Norwich (1343-1413)

Musical Interlude Nancy Arata-Fong

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: Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, we bring our flawed lives to God; not to be made perfect, but to be made more whole. Let's confess our sin to God, trusting the One who waits in mercy to forgive.

Prayer of Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: O Lord, You are our Parent, and we are wayward children; You are our Creator, we are the work of Your hands;

People: You are our Shepherd, we are Your flock; You are our Redeemer, we are the people You bought back; You are our God, we belong to you.

All: Gracious God, we rely upon You for forgiveness.

Please continue the work You have begun in us by Your grace, so that the whole world may recognize that You are a God of hope and transformation.

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: In times like these God has always raised up prophets. Moses, in the desert for the captive children. Amos, crying out against the rich on behalf of the poor. Martin Luther, when the Word of God was chained to the clergy. John Wesley, bringing God's light to the coal miners' darkness. Martin Luther King Jr., dreaming dreams of equality and justice.

People: God hears humanity's cries for justice. God honors our desire for wholeness, for a renewed life of faith and hope.

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** 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
Children and youth may now leave for YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (#260)

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe.
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be
losing; were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's
own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled, should threaten to
undo us, we will not fear, for God has willed His truth to
triumph through us. The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble
not for him; His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us
sideth; Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill; God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

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) Michael Wright
1 Peter 5:10
Keep a firm grip on your faith. The suffering won't last forever.
It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans
for us in Christ - eternal and glorious plans they are! - will have
you put together and on your feet for good.

2nd Scripture Reading Jonathan Sakakibara
Psalm 8
God, brilliant Lord,
How majestic is Your name in all the earth,
You who have displayed Your splendor above the heavens!
From the mouths of infants and nursing babies You have
established strength
Because of Your enemies,
To do away with the enemy and the revengeful.
When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars, which You have set in place;
What is humanity that You think of us,
Why take a second look our way?
Yet You have made us a little lower than God,
And You crown us with glory and majesty!
You put us in charge of Your handcrafted world,