

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
praise to the Cru-ci-fied for victory.

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.*)

Postlude

Wade Tambara

*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: Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Parking: Dave McGill
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
Altar Flowers: Bill & Herning Grissom



The Celebration of Worship

November 9, 2025 • 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Aki Kumagai
YES:	Cathy Nishizaki

Centering Prayer for Each New Day

*We open our hearts anew to you this morning, O Lord, that the love of
the Father and the life of Christ and the breath of the Spirit would
quicken within us a greater affection for your ways.*

Work your will in us, Lord Christ.

*Prepare our souls for those sorrows and joys and celebrations and
disappointments we will encounter, that every circumstance would serve
only to draw us nearer to you.*

*May our words, our choices, and our actions today be offered as true
expressions of worship. Amen.*

- from *Every Moment Holy* by Douglas McKelvey

Prelude

Wade Tambara

** 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

Steve Hanway

Leader: Love Divine, whose mercies are fresh every morning, we give You thanks for the gifts of life and love.

People: Oh, God, we come seeking Your holy presence. By Your Spirit in us, may we become more whole and more holy, and share Your compassionate hope with the world.

Leader: By a gift of grace, God promises to be at work in us, enabling us both to will and to work for God's good pleasure.

All: We rejoice in God's steadfast love and worship God with thankful hearts.

***Opening Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (#376)**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above; pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

***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**

Steve Hanway

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: "Lift High the Cross" (#371)**

Refrain. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Refrain.

All newborn servants of the Cru-ci-fied bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Refrain.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, Your death has brought us life eternally.

Refrain.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“What Happened to the Other Thief?”

Luke 23:32-43

Two others, both criminals, were taken along with Jesus for execution. When they got to the place called Skull Hill, they crucified him, along with the criminals, one on his right, the other on his left. Jesus prayed, “Father, forgive them; they don’t know what they’re doing.”

Dividing up his clothes, they threw dice for them. The people stood there staring at Jesus, and the ringleaders made faces, taunting, “He saved others. Let’s see him save himself! The Messiah of God—ha! The Chosen One—ha!” The soldiers also came up and poked fun at him, making a game of it. They toasted him with sour wine: “So you’re King of the Jews! Save yourself!”

Printed over him was a sign: this is the king of the Jews. One of the criminals hanging alongside cursed him: “Some Messiah you are! Save yourself! Save us!” But the other one made him shut up: “Have you no fear of God? You’re getting the same as him. We deserve this, but not him—he did nothing to deserve this.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you enter your kingdom.” He said, “Don’t worry, I will. Today you will join me in paradise.”

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

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.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: May God of grace help us to admit our sin, so that as God comes to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to God, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.

Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

All: Gracious God, we know that You want us to: Respect each other, Be Kind to each other, Serve each other, Comfort each other, Forgive each other. But sometimes, we really don’t want to. We’re sorry. Please forgive us and help us to do better, so that our world will be filled with Your goodness and grace. 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

Steve Hanway

Leader: Scripture tells us that all have sinned and fall short of God’s glory. It is only through God’s amazing grace that we are forgiven.

People: In Jesus Christ, God can set us free from a past we cannot change; and open us to a future in which we can be changed to be more like Christ. May God increase our faith in God, that we may resist temptation and turn from evil in the strength of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free to love and serve God and each other.

***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** Steve Hanway

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:** There Is a Redeemer (#443 Glory to God hymnal)

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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) Aki Kumagai

John 3:17
God sent God's Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.

2nd Scripture Reading Steve Hanway

Genesis 4:1-10
Adam slept with Eve his wife. She conceived and had Cain. She said, "I've gotten a man, with God's help!" Then she had another baby, Abel. Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer. Time passed. Cain brought an offering to God from the produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd, choice cuts of meat. God liked Abel and his offering, but Cain and his offering didn't get his approval. Cain lost his temper and went into a sulk. God spoke to Cain: "Why this tantrum? Why the sulking? If you do well, won't you be accepted? And if you don't do well, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it's out to get you, you've got to master it."
Cain had words with his brother. They were out in the field; Cain came at Abel his brother and killed him. God said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "How should I know? Am I his babysitter?" God said, "What have you done! The voice of your brother's blood is calling to me from the ground."