

**\*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  
Mazurka in D Minor by Pyotr I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

*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:** Diane Younglove, Gary Younglove  
**Parking:** Phillip Chew, Jack Nordman  
**Sound System:** Cathy Nishizaki  
**Zoom Moderator/Greeter:** Lois Van Beers  
**Altar Flowers:** Ben Pryor & Kishwer Vikaas



## The Celebration of Worship

February 1, 2026 • 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Titus Toyama
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Michael Wright
Communion Elders:	William Yee, Gary Younglove
YES:	Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

### Centering Prayer for Worship

We give you thanks and praise, O Lord; You have created us in Your own image. You have claimed us as Your beloved people. You have called us to be a blessing for others. Speak to us as we worship, O God, with the voice of Your Holy Spirit, that we may use the gifts of Your good creation and open our hands and our lives to our neighbors in need. Holy God, by Your Word and Spirit, come and transform Your church to be a living sign of your love for the world. Through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.**

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

### Call to Worship

Titus Toyama

Leader: Holy One, you aren't just good, You are The Good.

People: We welcome Your goodness in any way You desire to reveal it through this time of worship.

All: May Your Spirit fill and transform us as we worship You. So that something preached, prayed, sung, said out loud, or whispered to our spirit, changes us for good, and for good. Amen

**\*Opening Hymn:** Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
(#138)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

### Invitation to Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: When we want to do good, challenges are ever present. Sometimes, the challenges can be overwhelming and so we're tempted to retreat or stay silent. If we truly want to live as God's faithful people, we must ask God to help us. Let's begin by confessing the mistakes we have made, the wrongs we have done, the people we have hurt. Join me as we pray together.

## 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:** 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 Thy 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.

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## 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

Titus Toyama

## Joys & Concerns

Titus Toyama

## Prayer of Confession

Titus Toyama

Leader: What have we done to You, dear God? We dishonor You every time we treat another with disdain or disrespect.

**People: We shatter Your heart when we fill Your ears with the gossip and criticism we eagerly speak about those around us. Forgive us, gracious God.**

Leader: You are kind enough to forgive our callous pettiness; You are strong enough to overcome our self-centeredness;

**All: You are loving enough to heal the hurt we cause You and others. And so you give us new hope and new life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

*A Time for Silent 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

Titus Toyama

Leader: When we seek justice for another, when we love kindness more than comfort, we live as God asks us to live.

**People: When we walk humbly through life, when we offer mercy to those who hurt us, we are the blessing God hopes we will be. God's Spirit working in us changes us for good.**

**All: Thanks be to God! 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

Titus Toyama

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:** One World, One Communion  
Words & Music by Pepper Choplin

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
*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.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (Japanese)** Michael Wright  
Micah 6:8  
God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading** Titus Toyama  
Psalm 145:8-9  
The Lord is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. The Lord is good to all; God has compassion on all God has made . . . .

**3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading & Sermon** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
"Courageous Compassion"  
Luke 6:27-37  
"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive payment, what credit is that to you?"

Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. Instead, love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as God is merciful."

**Musical Interlude** Haruko Sakakibara  
Sarabande by J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

**\*Communion 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.*