

Postlude

Janet Hill

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, Maria Mar
Ushers: Donna Komure-Toyama, Irene Uno
Parking: Gary Younglove
Sound System: Ben Pryor
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Tak & Judy Fukuman



The Celebration of Worship

February 8, 2026 • 5th Sunday after Epiphany

“With just a little pinch of salt and a slight shimmer of light, we can transform the world into a place that more closely resembles God’s Kingdom.”

- Rev. Chris Kirwan, Tuskawilla Presbyterian Church

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Judy Fukuman
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
YES:	Jack Nordman

Centering Prayer for Worship

*O God of light and Savior of the earth,
Thank you for calling us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. In days that often grow dim with despair and bland with apathy, keep us from losing our saltiness; fill us with your Spirit and make us agents of preservation and joy.*

Give us the courage to shine our light—not for our own glory, but to reflect your love; To heal the broken, shelter the vulnerable, and feed the hungry. Season our words with grace and our actions with compassion. Use us to bring your light into the darkness, that others may see our good works and give glory to You.

In the name of Jesus, our Light, we pray.

** Those who can, please stand*

Prelude

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***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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Called to be light,

People: We will bring God's hope into the shadows of the world.

Leader: Called to be salt,

People: We will enhance the lives of those around us.

Leader: Called to create and be God's beloved community,

All: We will welcome everyone with God's limitless love.

***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.

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: Arise, Your Light Is Come! (#411)**

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey; show forth the glory of Your God, which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door; proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

***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.)*

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Flavor-Full”

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said, “Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage. “Here’s another way to put it: You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, and glorify God in heaven.

Musical Interlude

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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

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: The more we know God’s holiness, the more we can sense our distance from our Creator. The more we seek justice and faithful living, the more we understand our complicity in systems that oppress. Relying on God’s Spirit for the right words, let’s confess our brokenness, our selfishness and our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Gracious God, we confess that sometimes this life of faith is harder to do than we expected. You call us to be salt of the earth and to live lives of justice and righteousness and love.

People: But we get busy. And stressed. And overwhelmed. And sometimes the cost of doing what’s right seems too high. It takes too much time and energy. And we want to give up.

All: Forgive us. Disrupt our routines, and our despair. Renew our hope. By Your Spirit, inspire and equip us to be people who enhance others’ lives and bring Your light to the world.

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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Hear and believe the good news of the Gospel: God repairs our mistakes, rebuilds our lives, and fills our emptiness with hope and joy and meaning

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** Judy Fukuman
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 Jack Nordman
Children and youth may now leave for YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** We Are Called (#2172 black songbook)
Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called ___ to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!
Refrain. We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.
Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called ___ to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!
Refrain.
Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, ___ and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!
Refrain.

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) Haruko Sakakibara
Colossians 4:6
Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer everyone.

2nd Scripture Reading Judy Fukuman
Isaiah 58:6-10
“This is the kind of fast day I'm after: to break the chains of injustice, get rid of exploitation in the workplace, free the oppressed, cancel debts.
What I'm interested in seeing you do is:
sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your homes, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.
Do this and the lights will turn on, and your lives will turn around at once. Your righteousness will pave your way. The God of glory will secure your passage. Then when you pray, God will answer.
You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'
“If you get rid of unfair practices, quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins,
If you are generous with the hungry and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out, Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness, your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.”