

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.

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***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 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: Luyan Tang, Miyo Uchida

Ushers: Betsy Eskridge, Haruko Sakakibara

Parking: Phillip Chew

Sound System: Liam Wright

Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers

Altar Flowers: Stan & Christine Umeda

Musical Appearance: Sakura Chorus

Haruko Sakakibara, Conductor



The Celebration of Worship

March 1, 2026 • Second Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Christine Umeda
Pianist: Janet Hill
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Communion Elders: Judy Fukuman, Christine Umeda
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God,
We gather as a people shaped not by perfection, but by grace we did not earn. We come carrying questions, convictions, and fears, trusting that as we worship, You form us into a beloved community. We come aware of the world’s pain and our own uncertainty about how to respond. Slow us down when fear or anger rushes us toward harm. Give us courage to stand where love is costly and clarity to act when silence would wound. Shape us into a people who protect life, honor dignity, and take responsibility for each other. Meet us here. Teach us your way. Amen.*

Prelude Janet Hill

***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.

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Christine Umeda

Leader: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to Me with all your heart.

People: In this season of Lent, we return to God. For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Leader: Great is your faithfulness, O God! We praise you for Your loving Presence in our lives and in the world.

All: We worship you, God of compassion, receive our grateful thanks and praise.

*Opening Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness (#276)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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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

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

"When Peace Like a River" (It is Well with My Soul)
(#840 Glory to God 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.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming, here, in joy,
we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love
have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.
All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing, here, in peace,
we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

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

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Neither this world nor your life is so broken that God cannot restore it to wholeness. The world is not as it should be, but God is at work putting things right, reminding us not to remain comfortable with the way things are.

All: As we come to God in confession, may we hear God's Spirit speaking to us and commit ourselves to living the way God intends.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: We meet you here, God of faithfulness, our lives full of all our foolish and harmful ways.

People: We treat strangers with suspicion and fear. We vent our anger on those who care about us the most. We have judgy thoughts and harsh words for those who need to hear hope in their lives. Forgive us. When harm is close and tension is high, You call us not to withdraw, but to show up.

Leader: So we bring our lives to you, Generous God, setting them down before You in hopes that You will mend them.

All: As You hear our faltering words, please answer us with Your amazing grace. As You forgive us, may we go forth to be kind and generous towards others, even as Jesus Christ has been so kind and generous to us.

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

Christine Umeda

Leader: Be amazed by our Redeemer's love, which goes to the cross for us, endures the grave, rises in power, and leads us to new life.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, Companion of the lonely, Shelter from the storm, Your love frees us to put our sins behind us and to partner with God in redeeming the world.

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.

Special Music Sakura Chorus

“Lift Your Eyes to the Stars in the Night Sky”

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Children and youth may now go to 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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese) Miyo Uchida

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

2nd Scripture Reading Christine Umeda

Isaiah 43:18-19, 21, 25

Thus says the Lord your Redeemer,
Do not call to mind the former things,
Or consider things of the past.
Behold, I am going to do something new,
Now it will spring up; Will you not be aware of it?
I will even make a roadway in the wilderness,

Rivers in the desert... The people whom I formed for Myself Will declare My praise... I, I alone, am the one who wipes out your wrongdoings for My own sake, And I will not remember your sins.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Lenten Series - Tending the Holy: Spiritual Practices for Right Now “Reckoning with the Past - Dust”

Jesus went across to Mount Olives, but he was soon back in the Temple again. Swarms of people came to him. He sat down and taught them. The religion scholars and Pharisees led in a woman who had been caught in an act of adultery. They stood her in plain sight of everyone and said, “Teacher, this woman was caught red-handed in the act of adultery. Moses, in the Law, gives orders to stone such persons. What do you say?” They were trying to trap him into saying something incriminating so they could bring charges against him.

Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger in the dust. They kept at him, badgering him. He straightened up and said, “The sinless one among you, go first: Throw the stone.” Bending down again, he wrote some more in the dust. Hearing that, they walked away, one after another, beginning with the oldest. The woman was left alone. Jesus stood up and spoke to her. “Woman, where are they? Does no one condemn you?” “No one, Master.” “Neither do I,” said Jesus. “Go on your way. From now on, don't sin.”

Musical Interlude Janet Hill

Communion Hymn: All Who Hunger

(#2126 black songbook)

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering, here, in truth,
we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.