

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Judy Fukuman, Irene Uno
Ushers: Diane Younglove, Irene Uno
Parking: Ben Pryor
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Gary & Diane Younglove
Coffee Time: Sakura Chorus, PPW



The Celebration of Worship

March 15, 2026 • Fourth Sunday of Lent

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama
Pianist: Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Michael Wright
YES: Jack Nordman

Centering Prayer for Worship

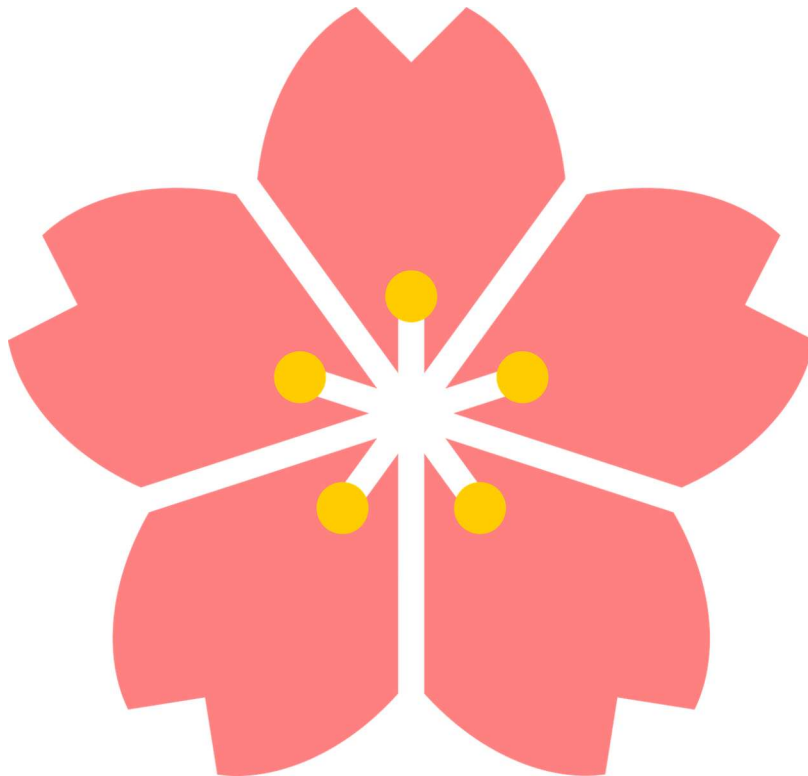
*Gracious God,
 We thank you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, Whose life and ministry guides us through this Lenten season and guides us in every season of life.
 In his suffering and death, He knows full well the troubles and pains we face in this earthly life. In His resurrection is the hope of our own. We thank you, O God: You are making all things new.*
 - from *Feasting on the Word*

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

***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



*Sakura Chorus concert begins at noon in the sanctuary.
 Refreshments after the concert in the social hall.*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: We come to this place because we want to know God,

People: Who helps us set aside the past, and walk the path to new life.

Leader: We come to worship in these moments because we want to know Jesus,

People: Who anoints us with hope, who shares our struggles with us.

Leader: We gather to worship with this church family because we want to know the Holy Spirit,

All: Who teaches and shapes us for life with God, so we may love each other and praise our God forever!

*Opening Hymn: To God Be the Glory (#485)

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

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: O for a World (#386)

Sing verses 1, 2, 3, 5 to the tune of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

*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

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.

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

Tending the Holy: Spiritual Practices for Right Now

“Repairing Relationships”

Matthew 5:23-24

Jesus said, “This is how I want you to conduct yourself in these matters. If you enter your place of worship and, about to make an offering, you suddenly remember a grudge a friend has against you, abandon your offering, leave immediately, go to this friend and make things right. Then and only then, come back and work things out with God.”

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**

Donna Komure-Toyama

Joys & Concerns

Donna Komure-Toyama

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.

Invitation to Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: If it is true that God has recorded our failings, we hope it will never be published. But in truth, if the book was opened, every page would be blank, for God forgives us of everything we have done, or failed to do. Trusting in God's mercy and grace, let’s bring our lives to God.

Prayer of Confession

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: The earth is your masterpiece, O God, and You have made us its stewards. Give us eyes to see Your brilliant handiwork in every creature.

People: Forgive us, Steadfast Love, when we rush through life in our busy-ness, leaving untended the important matters you place before us and within us. Give us the courage to love in spite of loss and the grace to forgive all who have injured us in any way.

Leader: O God, Your invitation to grow in grace is ever before us; deepen our trust in Your desire to make us whole, and wholly Yours.

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: When we turn to God and ask for help, God removes everything that stands in our way – our sin, our shame, our hesitation, and transforms us into people who are more like Christ.

People: Broken, we are made whole; lost, we are brought home; empty, we are filled with God’s love and peace.

All: What amazing grace! We believe the Good News of the gospel, 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** Donna Komure-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.

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

***Hymn of Reflection:** I Want to Be a Christian (#372)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart. In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

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 John 4:7-8, 20-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating their brother or sister, they are a liar. If they won't love the person they can see, how can they love the God they can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

2nd Scripture Reading Donna Komure-Toyama

1 Corinthians 5:15-20

Christ died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in His life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it!

All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and God, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God made the world right through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what God is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; God's already a friend with you.