

***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

Haruko Sakakibara

“Coarrente e Canzona” by Girolamo Frescoaldi (1583-1643)

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: Donna Komure-Toyama, Jack Nordman
 - Parking: Russ Hart, Jack Nordman
 - Sound System: Ben Pryor
 - Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Judy Yee
 - Altar Flowers: Jack & Carol Sakai
- In loving memory of Milton Yee,
a “local Hawaiian” in spirit and in his heart.
And Neppy - May Lee’s dog



The Celebration of Worship

March 22, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Lent

- Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
- Worship Leader: Steve Hanway
- Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
- Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
- Japanese Reader: Mieko Davis
- YES: Julie Chew, Cathy Nishizaki

Centering Prayer for Worship

*In the buds on the trees bursting into blossoms;
in the flowers poking their heads out of the dirt;
in the children chasing Spring in their yards:
we see Your devotion to us, God of steadfast love.
In the birds rushing into the sky from spring green branches;
in the dew drops radiant upon the wet grass;
in the sparkling river water that soothes us when we feel distressed:
we see how you love us, our Resurrection and our Life.
As we worship you, Wise Creator of life: bring us Your light.
Refresher of weary, worried lives: fill us with Your overflowing grace.
Amen.*

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

** 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: Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart.

People: In this season of Lent, we return to God.

Leader: For God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: As we worship God with awe, reverence, and gratitude, may we be united with the Holy One, aware of God's presence strengthening and guiding us.

***Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus (#306)**

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God to earth come down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring.
Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host.
Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer,
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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**

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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah (#281)**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand; Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield, be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side; Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to Thee.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Tending the Holy - Honor God and Honor Our Ancestors”

Luke 6:1-11

On a certain Sabbath Jesus was walking through a field of ripe grain. His disciples were pulling off heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands to get rid of the chaff, and eating them. Some Pharisees said, “Why are you doing that, breaking a Sabbath rule?” But Jesus stood up for them. “Have you never read what David and those with him did when they were hungry? How he entered the sanctuary and ate fresh bread off the altar, bread that no one but priests were allowed to eat? He also handed it out to his companions.” Then he said, “The Son of Humanity is no slave to the Sabbath; he’s in charge.”

On another Sabbath Jesus went to the meeting place and taught. There was a man there with a crippled right hand. The religion scholars and Pharisees had their eyes on Jesus to see if he would heal the man, hoping to catch him in a Sabbath violation. He knew what they were up to and spoke to the man with the crippled hand: “Get up and stand here before us.”

He did.

Then Jesus addressed them, “Let me ask you something: What kind of action suits the Sabbath best? Doing good or doing evil? Helping people or leaving them helpless?” He looked around, looked each one in the eye. He said to the man, “Hold out your hand.” He held it out—it was as good as new! They were beside themselves with anger, and started plotting how they might get even with him.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

“Andante” from Op. 98 by Anton Dvořák (1841-1904)

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)

Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: In the season of Lent, we turn back to God. For we are God's children, created in God's image. Let's open our hearts to God and pray together, asking God to forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. - Psalm 51:10

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, cleared of the debris of old battles with others and toxic opposition with ourselves.

People: Create in us clean hearts, brushed free of frantic busyness, so that we have time to be with You in the listening space of solitude and silence.

Leader: Create in us clean hearts, rinsed of false messages about our identity, allowing Your goodness and light to shine through us.

All: Set us free from guilt and shame by Your saving grace. For all whose strength has vanished, for all wasting away in tombs of addiction, oppression and violence, whose lives are brittle with fear; may our lives bring hope and healing, through your love and in your name, Lord Jesus. 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

Steve Hanway

Leader: Making a way through all the harmful choices and mistakes of our lives, God leads us into new life, where we are restored to grace, to hope, and peace.

People: Forgiven and freed, we notice what God has done for us and what God is doing in us. We rejoice in God, who offers us love which never fades, life which never ends.

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** 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.

Choir Song

"Thrive" Arr. by Marty Hamby

Children's Message Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

PPW Officer & Cabinet Member Installation
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) Mieko Davis

Deuteronomy 6:16
You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested God at Massah.

2nd Scripture Reading Steve Hanway

Exodus 17:1-7
Directed by God, the whole company of Israel moved on by stages from the Wilderness of Sin. They set camp at Rephidim. And there wasn't a drop of water for the people to drink. The people took Moses to task: "Give us water to drink." But Moses said, "Why pester me? Why are you testing God?" But the people were thirsty for water there. They complained to Moses, "Why did you take us from Egypt and drag us out here with our children and animals to die of thirst?" Moses cried out in prayer to God, "What can I do with these people? Any minute now they'll kill me!"
God said to Moses, "Go on out ahead of the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel. Take the staff you used to strike the Nile. And go. I'm going to be present before you there on the rock at Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will gush out of it and the people will drink." Moses did what God said, with the elders of Israel right there watching. He named the place Massah (Testing-Place) and Meribah (Quarreling) because of the quarreling of the Israelites and because of their testing of God when they said, "Is God here with us, or not?"