

No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life! Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love; bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Refrain.

***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

“Sonata” by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi (1710-1736)

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: Judy Fukuman, Luyan Tang
Ushers: Judy Fukuman, Miyo Uchida
Parking: Russ Hart
Sound System: Liam Wright
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers: Ed & Lisa Imura
In memory of Ed’s parents, Takeo and Frances Imura



The Celebration of Worship

April 5, 2026 • Resurrection of the Lord

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Betsy Eskridge
Pianist: Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
YES: Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy God,
Who can change night into day and darkness into light,
and to Whom even death is not an end, we praise You that Your glory
has dawned upon us and brought us to this Day of Resurrection!
Thanks be to You, gracious God, for the glorious gift of new life
You offer to all in Jesus Christ!
For Christ has Risen! He has Risen Indeed! Amen.*

Prelude Haruko Sakakibara

“Largo” by G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

*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

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We begin our Easter worship with the greeting the Church has joyfully proclaimed for centuries on Easter morning . . . Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Opening Hymn: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (#123)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured. Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky He’s King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as God’s love. Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: In raising Jesus from the grave, God shattered the power of sin and death and offered salvation to the whole world. But we remain captive to doubt and fear and shame. Trusting God’s grace and power to change our lives, let’s confess our faults and failings to God.

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

Betsy Eskridge

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: “Thine Is the Glory” (#122)

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory
Thou o’er death has won. Angels in bright raiment rolled the
stone away, kept the folded graveclothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain. Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son; endless is the
victory Thou o’er death has won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly He greets us,
scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of
triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.

Refrain.

After she said this, she turned away and saw Jesus standing there. But she didn't recognize him. Jesus spoke to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?" She, thinking that he was the gardener, said, "Sir, if you took him, tell me where you put him so I can care for him." Jesus said, "Mary." Turning to face him, she said in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Don't cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go to my brothers and tell them, 'I ascend to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them everything he said to her.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Tell Everyone"

Mark 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so they could embalm him. Very early on Sunday morning, as the sun rose, they went to the tomb. They worried out loud to each other, "Who will roll back the stone from the tomb for us?" Then they looked up, saw that it had been rolled back—it was a huge stone—and walked right in. They saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed all in white. They were completely taken aback, astonished.

He said, "Don't be afraid. I know you're looking for Jesus the Nazarene, the One they nailed on the cross. He's been raised up; he's here no longer. You can see for yourselves that the place is empty. Now—on your way. Tell his disciples and Peter that he is going on ahead of you to Galilee. You'll see him there, exactly as he said." They got out as fast as they could, beside themselves, their heads swimming. Stunned, they said nothing to anyone.

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

"Priere" (Prayer) by Theodore Salome (1834-1896)

Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Emptier of tombs, in this springtime season, we admit how anxious and broken we are.

People: Jesus Christ, risen in glory, death could not contain Your resurrection power. When we can see no further than dead ends and shattered dreams, help us trust in Your life-giving Presence bringing hope from despair.

Leader: Living Redeemer, You defeated death to show that we can rise from all that holds us captive: shame, greed, addictions, bitterness and hopelessness.

All: God of all, through the power of Jesus' resurrection, change our lives, and use us to transform the world.

Lord of Life, set us free to become Your Easter people!

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

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Believe the good news of the Gospel: In the midst of a hurting world, Christ's radiant resurrection power is at work in us and through us.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ our Risen Lord we are forgiven so we may bring God's wholeness to all creation.

***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

Betsy Eskridge

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

“Christ Arose”

by Robert Lowry

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

An Easter Visit with Haruki Murata

“Sonata No. 1 in G minor,” S. 1001 Fuga

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Haruki is in the 9th grade at Folsom High School. He began studying violin at the age of 5 and is currently a student of Igor Veligan. Haruki recently performed with the Sakura Chorus at their Spring Concert at Parkview. Welcome back, Haruki!

Children and youth may now go to YES.

*Hymn of Reflection: “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (#106)

Refrain. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation.

Refrain.

Spread the good news o’er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain.

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever.

Refrain.

Come let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.

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)

Miyo Uchida

This first reading is recited in Japanese to honor our church founders, who established this church in 1912 in the original Japantown of Sacramento.

1 Peter 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God’s great mercy God has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

2nd Scripture Reading

Betsy Eskridge

John 20:1-18 Early in the morning on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone was moved away from the entrance. She ran at once to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb. We don’t know where they’ve put him.”

Peter and the other disciple left immediately for the tomb. The other disciple got to the tomb first, outrunning Peter. Stooping to look in, he saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he didn’t go in. Simon Peter arrived after him, entered the tomb, saw the linen cloths lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but separate, neatly folded by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, went into the tomb, took one look at the evidence, and believed. No one yet knew from the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and saw two angels in white sitting where Jesus’ body had been lying, one at the head, another at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord and I don’t know where they put him.”