

Refrain.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, Your death has brought us life eternally.

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So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Cru-ci-fied for victory.

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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

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.

In Appreciation:

Greeters: Julie Chew, Miko Kumagai
Ushers: Aki Kumagai, Michael Wright
Parking: Jack Nordman, Titus Toyama
Sound System: Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Lori Hart
Altar Flowers: Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

April 19, 2026 • Second Sunday in Eastertide

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

Centering Prayer for Worship

Glory to You, Risen Lord, in this season of Eastertide, we proclaim that You are alive and offer You our grateful praise. Blessed were You when the angel rolled away the stone, and You came forth from the tomb, trampling down death and restoring hope to all the world. May Your irrepressible Spirit fill us with faith overflowing, that we may know You ever more deeply. May we share in Your compassion with the world’s suffering, and in the transformative power of Your resurrection. Amen.

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.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Dave McGill

Leader: Wondrous God of Resurrection, we come to worship You this morning with our Alleluias and our broken hearts.

People: Giver of new life, we come to give You glory. As we worship, bring Your Easter joy to our hearts, and to our lives. All: Risen, glorified Christ, we joyfully lift our voices to You, our life-giving Lord!

*Opening Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide,
as we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: We rejoice that the grave couldn't hold Jesus, that He has conquered death and has risen. Christ is alive! May God's Spirit lift us from shame and despair as we bring our whole lives to the One who longs to hear us and forgive us.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Faithful God, You are as near to us as our own heartbeat, and as constant as waves on the shore.

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

Dave McGill

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: "Lift High the Cross" (#371)

Refrain. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

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All newborn servants of the Cru-ci-fied bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.

Then our high priests and leaders betrayed him, got him sentenced to death, and crucified him. And we had our hopes up that he was the One about to deliver Israel. And it is now the third day since it happened. But now some of our women have completely confused us. Early this morning they were at the tomb and couldn't find his body. They came back with the story that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. Some of our friends went off to the tomb to check and found it empty just as the women said, but they didn't see Jesus." Then he said to them, "So thick-headed! So slow-hearted! Why can't you simply believe all that the prophets said? Don't you see that these things had to happen, that the Messiah had to suffer and only then enter into his glory?" Then he started at the beginning, with the Books of Moses, and went on through all the Prophets, pointing out everything in the Scriptures that referred to him.

They came to the edge of the village where they were headed. He acted as if he were going on but they urged him: "Stay and have supper with us. It's nearly evening; the day is done." So he went in with them. And here is what happened: He sat down at the table with them. Taking the bread, he blessed and broke and gave it to them. At that moment, open-eyed, wide-eyed, they recognized him. And then he disappeared.

Back and forth they talked. "Didn't we feel on fire as he conversed with us on the road, as he opened up the Scriptures for us?" They didn't waste a minute. They were up and on their way back to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and their friends gathered together, talking away: "It's really happened! Jesus has been raised up—Simon saw him!" Then the two went over everything that happened on the road and how they recognized him when he broke the bread.

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

People: But sometimes we're absent from You and each other, distracted by traumatic news and the challenges of daily life. We carry grudges and deep resentments that block the flow of Your grace. Forgive us.

Leader: We bring ourselves to You for guidance on our journey and love that goes where it's needed most.

All: Please restore us to a holy balance in our lives. By Your Spirit, enliven us with an awareness of Your resurrection power with us, and with all the world. 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

Dave McGill

Leader: God rejoices in our longing for wholeness and provides forgiveness and the power we need to change our lives.

People: We praise You, Lord Jesus Christ, for Your life and love defeated death and all that entombs us. Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in You.

All: Thanks be to God for the gift of renewed hope. 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

Dave McGill

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

Diane Younglove &
The Parkview Players

The Gospel in Story - Luke 24:13-35
Children and youth may now go to YES.

*Hymn of Reflection: "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright" (#121)

That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
When to their longing eyes restored,
the apostles saw their risen Lord.

O Jesus, King of gentleness,
do all our inmost hearts possess,
and we to You will ever raise
the tribute our our grateful praise.

From every weapon death can wield,
your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide.

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

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

Romans 6:4-8, 11

So what do we do? Keep on sinning so God can keep on forgiving? I should hope not! If we've left the country where sin is sovereign, how can we still live in our old house there? Or didn't you realize we packed up and left there for good.

Our old way of life was nailed to the cross with Christ, a decisive end to that sin-miserable life—no longer captive to sin's demands! What we believe is this: If we get included in Christ's sin-conquering death, we also get included in his life-saving resurrection. So consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

2nd Scripture Reading

Dave McGill

1 Peter 1:17-21

You call out to God for help and God helps— God's a good Parent that way. But don't forget, God's also a responsible Parent, and won't let you get by with sloppy living.

Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. God paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. Jesus died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. God always knew Jesus was going to do this for you. It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"On the Road with Jesus" Luke 24:13-35

That same day two of them were walking to the village Emmaus, about seven miles out of Jerusalem. They were deep in conversation, going over all these things that had happened. In the middle of their talk and questions, Jesus came up and walked along with them. But they were not able to recognize who he was. He asked, "What's this you're discussing so intently as you walk along?" They just stood there, long-faced, like they had lost their best friend. Then one of them, his name was Cleopas, said, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what's happened during the last few days?" He said, "What has happened?"

They said, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene. He was a man of God, a prophet, dynamic in work and word, blessed by both God and all the people.