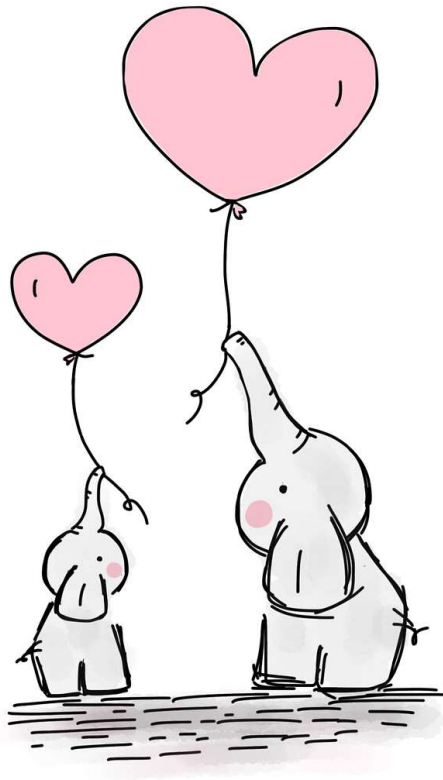


## In Appreciation:

Greeters: Jana Nakase-Lee, Irene Uno  
Ushers: Jack Nordman, Irene Uno  
Parking: Jack Nordman  
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara  
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai  
Altar Flowers: Steve & Barbie (Matsuoka) Fujinaka,  
in memory of Jane Matsuoka



*Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers and mother figures in our lives.*



## The Celebration of Worship

May 10, 2026 • 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Eastertide & Mother's Day

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Worship Leader: Donna Komure-Toyama  
Pianist: Wade Tambara  
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor  
Japanese Reader: Aki Kumagai  
YES: Jana Nakase-Lee, Lynn Yamamoto

### Centering Prayer for Worship

*Eternal God, Creator of springtime splendor that delights and dazzles us, look with mercy upon all creation.  
Bring to completion your saving work so that the whole world may see the fallen lifted up, the old made new, and your transforming power and glory bringing hope from despair.  
We no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for He is alive and has become the Lord of life! Amen.*

Prelude Wade Tambara

### \*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

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

## Call to Worship

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Come home, home to God's embrace.

**People: We have come home to worship, to hear of God's amazing grace, to find God's guidance, and to respond to God's call.**

Leader: Surrounded by the extravagant beauty of bud and bloom, let's joyfully sing praises to our magnificent Creator God!

**All: We thank God, Source of all beauty and goodness, as we worship our Risen Lord.**

## \*Opening Hymn: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,

*Refrain.* Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

*Refrain.*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,

*Refrain.*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain.*

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

*Refrain.*

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## \*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

Wade Tambara

*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.*

**Musical Interlude**

Wade Tambara

**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. 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: “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (#376)**

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love Thou art; visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

**Invitation to Confession**

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Our Mother of Compassion calls us to be one body, but we fragment ourselves into a million selfish pieces. How we need God’s healing and wholeness in our lives, and in our world! Together let’s admit our need for God’s grace and forgiveness.

**Prayer of Confession**

Donna Komure-Toyama

Leader: Gracious God, we give thanks that you are the God of today, because too often we are stuck in yesterday. We live with guilt and regrets, sorry for who we were, and what we’ve done, rather than hopeful about who we might become.

**People: But You, Emptier of tombs, constantly work to restore and transform our broken lives.**

Leader: We give thanks that You are also the God of tomorrow. We feel stuck with who we are but You never stop moving forward. You are always doing something life-giving and new.

**All: Help us move from failings and faults that immobilize us into dreams and actions that make Your community whole.**

*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: God’s grace comes to us this morning, and every moment of our lives. God’s love and forgiveness are powerful reminders that we are not alone. We are God’s beloved.

**People: We’re grateful that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. We belong to God.**

**All: Forgiven, and on the journey toward wholeness, we are made one family in faith. Thanks be to God! 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.**

**Choir Song**

"Hymn of Promise" Natalie Sleeth

**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.**

**\*Hymn of Reflection: "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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading (Japanese)**

Aki Kumagai

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

Proverbs 17:17

Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick  
together in all kinds of trouble.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading**

Donna Komure-Toyama

Psalm 73:21-28

When my heart was embittered and I was pierced within, then  
I was senseless and ignorant; I was like a beast before You.  
Nevertheless I am continually with You; You have taken hold  
of my right hand. Whom have I in heaven but You?  
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth. My flesh and my  
heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my  
portion forever. As for me, the nearness of God is my good;  
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all  
Your works.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Scripture Reading & Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Why We Click"

Genesis 1:26-27

God spoke: "Let us make human beings in our image, make  
them reflecting our nature

So they can be responsible for the fish in the sea,  
the birds in the air, the cattle, and, yes, Earth itself,  
and every animal that moves on the face of Earth."

God created human beings; God created them godlike,  
Reflecting God's nature. God created them male and female.