

***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

“Sarabande” by G.F. Handel

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:	Maurine Huang, Jack Nordman
Ushers:	Judy Fukuman, Tak Fukuman
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Titus & Donna (Komure) Toyama



The Celebration of Worship

May 31, 2026 • Trinity Sunday

Trinity Sunday honors not an event, but a reality - the Holy Trinity. How God can be one God in three persons is a mystery that is referred to in Scripture in places like 2 Corinthians 13:14, Paul’s farewell to the church in Corinth: “The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.”

The glorious mystery and reality of the Trinity is celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, the festival of the church that celebrates God’s outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Christine Umeda
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God of hosts;
the whole earth is full of God’s glory. Isaiah 6:3*

We worship you, eternal God, Source of Love and Life, who creates us. We worship you, Jesus Christ, Risen One, who lives among us. We worship you, Holy Spirit, Holy Fire who renews us. We open our lives to Your presence, loving God. Please fill us with Your Spirit of power and goodness. Glory to You, Lord most high. Amen.

** Those who can, please stand*

Prelude

Haruko Sakakibara

*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

Christine Umeda

Leader: Almighty God, You are beyond our comprehension and control. You reveal yourself in new ways: Surprising us. Transforming us. Freeing us from attitudes that limit our faith.

People: Risen, glorified Christ, we bless You for Your sacrifice on the cross, and rising from death that we might live.

Leader: Spirit of God, we bless You for Your abiding presence in our lives, and for comforting and guiding us.

All: Holy triune God, wondrous Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, we offer You our worship with thanks and praise!

*Opening Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” (#138)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea; cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see, only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

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.

*Sending Hymn: “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” (#263)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small; In all life Thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changes Thee.

Thou reignest in glory, Thou dwellest in light, Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight; all praise we would render; O help us to see ‘tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

*Charge and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Go into the world participating in the life of the triune God - by honoring mutuality, living in equality, working for justice and unity, and celebrating the diversity by which God enriches our world.

Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”

Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”

Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen, yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”

Musical Interlude

Haruko Sakakibara

Interlude: Melody by Moritz Moszkowski

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

Christine Umeda

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea. Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Invitation to Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Scripture tells us that the Lord searches us and understands us. God knows every path we take, every decision we make; God knows all there is to know about us. Trusting God’s grace, let’s open our hearts and reflect on our lives, as we confess our faults and failings to God.

Prayer of Confession

Christine Umeda

Leader: Holy God, how frustrating it is to be redeemed by Your love and yet continue to struggle with our old self. You have called us to live in faith and freedom, but we live with anxiety and doubt.

People: You call us to move in new directions, but we cling to the ways we know. You call us to reach out in love, but we look the other way in order to get our errands done. Forgive us, gracious God.

All: Help us to trust You more fully. Let us move through the world filled with gratitude as we serve You and others, discovering the blessings only You can give. 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

Christine Umeda

Leader: Because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, we are set free to love God and neighbor, and to work for reconciliation of the world.

All: We believe the Good News of the Gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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** Christine Umeda

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 Kaya and Megan Toyama

"Frankie's Train Day" by Mr. Aron

***Hymn of Reflection:** "Glorify Thy Name" (#2016 black songbook)

Father, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you,
glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth.

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) Haruko Sakakibara

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

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that God gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him.

2nd Scripture Reading Christine Umeda

Psalm 139:1-6

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon Rev. Sheri Edwards

"Intangible Religious Benefits"

John 3:1-12

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with that person." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."