

For gay and for straight, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space, a rainbow of race and gender and color, for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace,

Refrain.

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free,

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

Janet Hill

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:	Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Betsy Eskridge
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Carla Hart



The Celebration of Worship

June 7, 2026 • 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

If we think we have ours and don't owe any time or money or effort to help those left behind, then we are a part of the problem rather than the solution to the fraying social fabric that threatens all Americans.

- in *Guide My Feet* by Marian Wright Edelman,
founder of the Children's Defense Fund

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Steve Hanway
Pianist:	Janet Hill
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
YES:	Ben Pryor, Kishwer Vikaas

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Come, all who seek a place of belonging.
Come, for in God's house, every identity is a holy reflection of the Divine.
Come, with all your colors, your stories, and your authentic selves. Come, for we are knit together by a love that has no bounds.
Let's gather in God's sanctuary of grace.
Loving God, give us pure hearts that we may see you,
humble hearts that we may hear you,
hearts of love that we may serve you,
hearts of faith that we may live for you,
reverent hearts that we may worship you,
here and in the world out there,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

** Those who can, please stand*

Prelude

Janet Hill

*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: Bless the Lord for the earth God has made, the seas and skies, forests and fields,

People: All reveal Your goodness and glory, awesome Creator.

Leader: Here and now God is among us, beside us, inside us, empowering us for the purposes of heaven.

**All: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it through Jesus Christ.
Receive our joyful, grateful praise, Lord of all the earth!**

*Opening Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" (#464)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee; earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;
stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Invitation to Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: Now that Easter is done and gone, we no longer hear resurrection melodies, but listen to temptation's familiar refrains.
Rather than living in the new life Christ brings, we fall back into acting in ways that are harmful to us and to others.

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

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.

*Sending Hymn: "For Everyone Born" (#769 Glory to God hymnal)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain. God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for woman and man, a system that's fair,

Refrain.

I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, Alleluia.

I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers;
I'm gonna join with sisters, brothers, Alleluia.

Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.
Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, Alleluia.

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

- from the Iona Community

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Words of Institution
Receiving the Elements
Prayer after Communion

Let's ask God for help to be more like Christ. Let's bring our brokenness to God and trust God's ability to make us more whole.

Prayer of Confession

Steve Hanway

Leader: God of abundant welcome, You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away by the flood of violence in our world.

People: You offer to guide us out of our chaotic, fearful lives so we can spend more time with those who need our love and attention, but we stay stuck, ever distracted and anxious.

Leader: Forgive us. As we admit the ways we have failed You, hurt others, and done things we shouldn't have done, lift us from guilt and shame to new life.

All: Strengthen us with faith to share the power of Your love with those who long for Your life-giving joy. Inspire us to whole-hearted devotion to You.

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: It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus which gives us the hope that lives within us.

People: Our Lord leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

All: We will live each day as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved with an everlasting love.

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**

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

“One World, One Communion”

Pepper Choplin

Children’s Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Recognition of College Graduates and YES Youth Teachers
Children and youth may now got 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.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Miko 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.

1 John 4:9, 10

In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent God’s Son into the world so that we might live through him.

2nd Scripture Reading

Steve Hanway

Matthew 9:9-17

Passing along, Jesus saw a man at his work collecting taxes. His name was Matthew. Jesus said, “Come along with me.” Matthew stood up and followed him. Later when Jesus was eating supper at Matthew’s house with his close followers, a lot of disreputable characters came and joined them. When the Pharisees saw him keeping this kind of company, they had a fit, and lit into Jesus’ followers. “What kind of example is this from your Teacher, acting cozy with crooks and misfits?”

Jesus, overhearing, shot back, “Who needs a doctor: the healthy or the sick? Go figure out what this Scripture means: ‘I’m after mercy, not religion.’ I’m here to invite outsiders, not coddle insiders.”

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“Who’s Welcome at the Table?”

Matthew 9:18-26

As Jesus finished saying this, a local official appeared, bowed politely, and said, “My daughter has just now died. If you come and touch her, she will live.” Jesus got up and went with him, his disciples following along.

Just then a woman who had hemorrhaged for twelve years slipped in from behind and lightly touched his robe. She was thinking to herself, “If I can just put a finger on his robe, I’ll get well.”

Jesus turned—caught her at it. Then he reassured her: “Courage, daughter. You took a risk of faith, and now you’re well.” The woman was well from then on. By now they had arrived at the house of the town official, and pushed their way through the gossips looking for a story and the neighbors bringing in casseroles. Jesus was abrupt: “Clear out! This girl isn’t dead. She’s sleeping.” They told him he didn’t know what he was talking about. But when Jesus had gotten rid of the crowd, he went in, took the girl’s hand, and pulled her to her feet—alive. The news was soon out, and traveled throughout the region.

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

***Communion Hymn: “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”**

(#770 Glory to God hymnal)

I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table;
I’m gonna eat at the welcome table, Alleluia.