

**\*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:** Mieko Davis, Diane Younglove  
**Ushers:** Diane Younglove, TBD  
**Parking:** Gary Younglove  
**Sound System:** Lois Van Beers  
**Zoom Moderator/Greeter:** Lori Hart  
**Altar Flowers:** Hach & Linda Yasumura, in celebration of their granddaughters’ graduations  
Namiko from high school & Kimiko from college



**The Celebration of Worship**

June 14, 2026 • Pride Sunday

**Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
**Worship Leader:** Jack Nordman  
**Pianist:** Nancy Arata-Fong  
**Choir Conductor:** Ben Pryor  
**Japanese Reader:** Mieko Davis  
**YES:** Jana Nakase-Lee

**Centering Prayer for Worship**

*Holy One,  
Today we celebrate Pride - the gift of living into the fullness of who You have created us to be. Despite the ways religion is used as a weapon of harm, may we, Your Church, continue to embody love over hate. The ways we make space for all - not only changes lives - but saves lives. In Your great call to tend to one another, Earth and ourselves, we commit ourselves to be Christ’s beloved community where we share our stories, our resilience & our deep belief in Love that transcends all things. Praise be to You, our Creator who knows us and calls us to celebrate the rainbow colors of diversity together. Amen.*

**Prelude**

Nancy Arata-Fong

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*\* Those who can, please stand*

### \*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

Jack Nordman

Leader: Come, you who are weary and wounded, you who are radiant and rising-

**People: We come as we are, beloved and becoming.**

Leader: Come, you who have been told you're too much or not enough-

**People: We come with our stories, our scars, and our strength.**

Leader: Come, for you are sacred. You are seen. You are called.

**All: We come to worship the One who made us in love and calls us to live in joy.**

### \*Opening Song: "Shout to the Lord" (#2074 black songbook)

*Only the refrain is in the songbook. The verse is below.*

*Refrain.* Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength. Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You.

*Refrain.*

### 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: "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" (#343)

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace, We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace. May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth. Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old, blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense, Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence. Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care, bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife. Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase, messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

### \*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Then he got curds and milk, brought them with the calf that had been roasted, set the meal before the men, and stood there under the tree while the men ate. The men said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?"

He said, "In the tent."

One of them said, "I'm coming back about this time next year. When I arrive, your wife Sarah will have a son." Sarah was listening at the tent opening, just behind the man.

Abraham and Sarah were old by this time, very old. Sarah was far past the age for having babies. Sarah laughed within herself, "An old woman like me? Get pregnant? With this old man of a husband?"

God said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh saying, 'Me? Have a baby? An old woman like me?' Is anything too hard for God? I'll be back about this time next year and Sarah will have a baby."

Sarah lied. She said, "I didn't laugh," because she was afraid. But he said, "Yes you did; you laughed."

## Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong

## 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

Jack Nordman

## Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

## Invitation to Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: God who named us before we were born, who claimed us in the waters of baptism, who has walked with us through closets, protests, pews and parades, meets us here today. May our hearts be soft enough to be moved and strong enough to be bold, as we let fear fall away, and trust God's Spirit to guide us in reflection and repentance. Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: Nothing changes until we listen. Until we listen to God's Spirit, listen to each other, until we listen to the parts of ourselves we're afraid to listen to.

**People: We confess that often we don't take time to listen for God's Spirit. We're in a hurry to get things done, or we worry that we may not hear anything but our own anxious thoughts.**

Leader: Lord, teach us how to hear You, and how to love You, ourselves, and each other, as You love us. Help us to see Your image in everyone we meet.

**All: Lord hear our prayer: For the mending of hearts torn apart by unkind words and brutal actions. For the healing of our souls, overwhelmed by the despair around us, and within us.**

### *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

Jack Nordman

Leader: This is God's good news: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, we are beloved.

**All: Thanks be to God! Forgiven and freed from shame and despair, we are empowered for God's ongoing work of reconciliation in the world. 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** Jack Nordman  
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**  
"Who You Say I Am" Hillsong Worship

**Children's Message** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
Commission Jack Norman for Alaska Mission Trip  
*Children and youth may now got to YES.*

**\*Hymn of Reflection:** "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" (#411)  
Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.  
Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.  
Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born, bind up the brokenhearted ones and comfort those who mourn.  
Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

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

Psalm 139:14  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, my soul knows it very well.

**2nd Scripture Reading** Jack Nordman  
Isaiah 43:1  
But now, this is what the Lord says, God who is your Creator, "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine!"

**3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave  
"The Power of Love"  
Genesis 18:1-15  
God appeared to Abraham at the Oaks of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance of his tent. It was the hottest part of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing. He ran from his tent to greet them and bowed before them.  
He said, "Master, if it please you, stop for a while with your servant. I'll get some water so you can wash your feet. Rest under this tree. I'll get some food to refresh you on your way, since your travels have brought you across my path."  
They said, "Certainly. Go ahead."  
Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. He said, "Hurry. Get three cups of our best flour; knead it and make bread."  
Then Abraham ran to the cattle pen and picked out a nice plump calf and gave it to the servant.