



The Celebration of Worship

June 21, 2026 • Father's Day and 1st Day of Summer

Guest Preacher:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Choir Conductor:
Japanese Reader:
YES:

Rev. Rick Hull
Betsy Eskridge
Janet Hill
Ben Pryor
Miyo Uchida
Julie Chew

Centering Prayer for Worship

Almighty God, we thank you for our dads and praise you for being our loving Heavenly Parent. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit at work in us, You guide and protect us, you teach and transform us, and enable us to do and be more than we can think or imagine. Come now, dwell within our worship, and make us eager to share the joy of belonging to You with all the world. Amen.

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

Donna Komure-Toyama

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: We gather on this Father's Day to worship God, our perfect parent.

People: We eagerly anticipate Your work among us,

O God. We come seeking comfort, community, inspiration and insight.

All: Wondrous Creator, we come to bless Your holy name and bring joy to Your gracious heart.

*Opening Hymn: "This Is My Father's World" (#293)

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: Oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: the battle is not done; Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Invitation to Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Promising forgiveness and the power we need to change our lives, God rejoices in our longing for wholeness. When we admit our faults and failings, God draws near to us with compassion. Trusting in God's mercy made known to us in Jesus Christ, let's bring our lives to God.

Prayer of Confession

Betsy Eskridge

Leader: Loving God, You meet us wherever we are and invite us to be part of Your redeeming purpose for the world. Forgive us when we give our best to others and give only leftovers to You and those closest to us.

People: 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. Return us to our rightful home in You.

*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: Jana Nakase-Lee, Haruko Sakakibara
Ushers: Michael Wright, Miyo Uchida
Parking: Russ Hart
Sound System: Jonathan Sakakibara
Zoom Moderator/Greeter: Aki Kumagai
Altar Flowers: Jerry & Maurine Huang,
in memory of Maurine's biological father,
Maurice Forster, and step-father, J. LeRoy Price
Coffee Time: Marilyn Champa, Donna Komure-Toyama,
Carol Sakai

***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**

Betsy Eskridge

Joys & Concerns

Titus 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.

***Sending Hymn: “In Christ There Is No East or West” (#439)**

In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.

In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;

His service is the golden cord close binding humankind

Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.

All children of the living God are surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him, throughout the whole wide Earth.

***Benediction**

Rev. Rick Hull

All: Empower us to share Your love with those who long for Your life-giving hope and joy. Inspire us to whole-hearted devotion to You. 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

Betsy Eskridge

Assurance of Pardon (Ephesians 3:20)

Leader: Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God! We pledge ourselves to work together to bring God’s kingdom into our troubled 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**

Betsy Eskridge

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

Rev. Rick Hull

Children and youth may now get to YES.

***Hymn of Reflection:** “Be Thou My Vision” (#339)

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that Thou art; Thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise, Thou mine inheritance now and always: Thou and Thou only, first in my heart, great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord; Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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)

Miyo Uchida

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 117

Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol God, all you peoples! For great is God’s steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

2nd Scripture Reading

Betsy Eskridge

Psalm 37:1-7

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers, for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. Trust in the Lord and do good; live in the land and enjoy security.

Take delight in the Lord, and God will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in God, and God will act.

God will make your vindication shine like the light and the justice of your cause like the noonday. Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for God; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Rick Hull

“Mission Possible”

John 1:1-5, 10-16

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill

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.