



The Celebration of Worship

June 28, 2026 • Summerfest Sunday

Pianists:

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Ben Pryor, Conductor

Pastor:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Choir Conductor:
Japanese Reader:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Jonathan Sakakibara
Janet Hill
Ben Pryor
Miko Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time: Be with us in this time.
Savior of the world, healer of the nations: Be with us in this place.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far: Stir within our lives.
Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now: Be present in our worship, that
we may find new ways to be present in Your world.*

- Iona Abbey Worship Book

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

** Those who can, please stand*



Call to Worship

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: We wake up in the morning and see the sunrise:

People: Almighty God, Your touch makes this world holy.

Leader: Open our eyes to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the diversity of human life.

People: Help us cherish the gifts that surround us, and share Your blessings with all who accompany us on life's journey.

All: Holy King of Creation, may we reflect Your glory as we worship Your awesome Presence, and live empowered by Your grace.

***Opening Hymn: "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!"**
(#476)

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, Your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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:	Miko Kumagai, TBD
Ushers:	Donna Komure-Toyama, Titus Toyama
Parking:	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	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.

*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

Jonathan Sakakibara

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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (#276)

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand has provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Invitation to Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Let's bring God our hopes, as well as our failures, as we open our hearts to God in prayerful reflection and repentance.

Prayer of Confession

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: God of every moment, we admit that we can find time to fill our stomachs, but not our souls. We can spend hours binge-watching shows, but neglect to notice the wonders of Your creation. We can arrange outings with friends, yet ignore Your invitation to sit and talk and listen to You. Forgive us.

All: God of glory, remind us that there is a time for everything, so we do have moments in life for wonder, for repentance, for hope, for joy, and for a relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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

Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: We aren't left to go it alone, God offers us strength and renewal through God's gracious Holy Spirit.

People: When we confess our sins to God- immediately, our sins are forgiven, our life is restored, and God's Spirit is present to guide us through all of life.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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**

Jonathan Sakakibara

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. Dr. Sarah Nave

Pianist and Choir Recognition

***Hymn of Reflection: “Seek Ye First” (#333)**

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia! Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and you shall find, Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

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.

Psalm 24:1

“The earth is the Lord’s, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it.”

2nd Scripture Reading

Jonathan Sakakibara

Philippians 4:6-7

St. Paul writes, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“The Cure for Anxiety”

Matthew 6:25-34

“If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don’t fuss about what’s on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to God than birds. Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them. If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don’t you think God will attend to you, take pride in you, do the best for you? What I’m trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with getting, so you can respond to God’s giving. People who don’t know God and the way God works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.

Musical Interlude

Janet Hill