



The Celebration of Worship

July 12, 2026 • 7th Sunday of Pentecost

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

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Rev. Dwight Naave
Sue Goodwin
Nancy Arata-Fong
Ben Pryor
Aki Kumagai



Centering Poem for Worship

Almighty God, it is Your awesome love that brings us here. To those who seek You, You reveal the majesty of Your presence. Thank You for Your goodness and kindness to us and to all You have made. As we worship, pour out Your Spirit upon us, and teach us the truth from Your Word that we need to know. In the busyness of our days, wake us up to Your presence in the smiles and glances and heartaches of those we meet. Shape our hearts to delight in the gifts You give us each day. Amen.

Prelude

Nancy Arata-Fong

*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

Sue Goodwin

Leader: We gather in worship to declare the glorious presence of God in our lives.

People: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

Leader: We gather, trusting in our loving God, believing that Christ's Spirit lives in our hearts, transforming and guiding us.

All: We come to praise almighty God, the King of creation, who is worthy of all blessing and honor and glory.

*Opening Hymn: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" (#288)

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord who filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eyes; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!

There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, and everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, art present there.

Invitation to Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: We rejoice that God is faithful even when we're distracted and weary, anxious and angry. Let's confess the times when our fears were bigger than our faith, and bring our faults and failings to God in prayer.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.

*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

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:	Bill Grissom, Herning Grissom
Ushers:	Herning Grissom, William Yee
Parking:	Carl Odell
Sound System:	Cathy Nishizaki
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Phillip & Julie Chew

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

Sue Goodwin

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: "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (#466)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!
Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life, and health, and peace.

Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.

Prayer of Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Holy God, Source of patience and strength, we become frustrated and exhausted so easily, with endless details and distractions.

People: We pray for grace to admit our faults when we hurt each other, and humility to seek each other's forgiveness, and Yours.

Leader: Help us not give in to anxious fears and gloomy musings, but to trust that You are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of Your calling.

All: Let faith, hope and love grow and deepen in us so that our lives bring you glory. We pray through Christ our Lord. 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

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Scripture tells us that God is full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy and always ready to forgive.

People: As we turn away from all that is not love and cling to Christ, we experience the gift of a heart made new, and God gives us the desire to listen, love and act.

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**

Sue Goodwin

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. Dwight Nave

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.

***Hymn of Reflection:** "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet" (#458 Glory to God hymnal)

Refrain. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid, and I think I've lost my way, still you're right there beside me. Nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.

Refrain.

1st Scripture Reading (Japanese)

Aki 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 1:1-3

Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers, but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on God's law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

2nd Scripture Reading

Sue Goodwin

Exodus 16:22-30

On the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, about four quarts per person. Then the leaders of the company came to Moses and reported. Moses said, "This is what God was talking about: Tomorrow is a day of rest, a holy Sabbath to God. Whatever you plan to bake, bake today; and whatever you plan to boil, boil today. Then set aside the leftovers until morning." They set aside what was left until morning, as Moses had commanded. It didn't smell bad and there were no worms in it. Moses said, "Now eat it; this is the day, a Sabbath for God. You won't find any of it on the ground today. Gather it every day for six days, but the seventh day is Sabbath; there won't be any of it on the ground." On the seventh day, some of the people went out to gather anyway but they didn't find anything. God said to Moses, "How long are you going to disobey my commands and not follow my instructions? Don't you see that God has given you the Sabbath? So on the sixth day God gives you bread for two days. So, each of you, stay home. Don't leave home on the seventh day." So the people quit working on the seventh day.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dwight Nave

"Adaptive Wayfinding"

Mark 5:53-56

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized Him and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard He was. And wherever He went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and begged Him that they might touch even the hem of his garment, and all who touched it were healed.

Musical Interlude

Nancy Arata-Fong