

***Sending Song and Benediction** Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
“The Trees of the Field” (#2279 in black songbook)

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace;
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands.

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands; (clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands;(clap, clap)
the trees of the field will clap their hands(clap, clap)
while you go out with joy.

***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 Wade Tambara

*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:	Betsy Eskridge, Miko Kumagai
Ushers:	Terri Bowman, Julie Chew
Parking:	Gary Younglove
Sound System:	Dave McGill
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Betsy Eskridge & Lois Van Beers



The Celebration of Worship

August 2, 2026 • 10th Sunday of Pentecost

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jack Nordman
Pianist:	Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
Communion Elders:	Donna Komure-Toyama, Titus Toyama

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Holy One,
You welcome us to this sacred space. Whether we are full of faith or full
of questions, whether we come brimming with joy or with eaten up anxiety,
You hold us. We are seen by a love that knows no bounds. We are called
into a life that holds beauty, truth, and purpose. Here, we find room for
our whole self. Here, the light we carry is honored. Here, we worship You,
a God who delights in us. So we come—to discover Your truth, embrace
Your light, and worship You with joy. Amen.*

Prelude Wade Tambara

***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

Jack Nordman

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

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 welcome, you are seen, you are sacred.

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

*Opening Hymn: "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (#430)

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns supreme,
empowering us to catch the vision, dream the dream! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend; let wisdom be our guide, as we in
mission magnify the Crucified! In bold accord, come celebrate
the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long! In bold
accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Invitation to Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: God calls us to a life of abundant joy, yet we wrap
ourselves in worry, cynicism, and despair. Trusting in God's
mercy, let's release our burdens as we confess our sins and our
hesitation to embrace the joy God offers us.

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: "The Church's One Foundation" (#442)

Sing verses 1, 2, 4 and 5.

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the word;
From heaven He came and sought her to be His holy bride.
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.

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

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

Prayer of Confession

Jack Nordman

Leader: Gracious God, we confess that joy feels fragile and fleeting in a broken world.

People: We settle for cynicism when hope asks too much of us. Forgive our gloomy attitudes.

All: When we're overwhelmed and tempted to give up, remind us of Christ's endurance in the midst of suffering. Remove our despair, melt our hardness of heart, and free us from the fears that keep us feeling pessimistic and powerless.

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: Hear the good news: God's steadfast love never ends, and Christ's mercies are fresh every morning.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, restored, and set free to walk in the light of God's hope and joy. 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.

Children's Message

Rev. Dr. Sarah 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.

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 30:5

“Weeping may last for the night, but joy comes in the morning.”

2nd Scripture Reading

Jack Nordman

James 1:2-4

Consider it all joy, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Aloha Month Sermon Series: Joy Snacks “The Joy of Friendship with God”

John 15:9-17

Jesus said, “I've loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you'll remain intimately at home in my love. That's what I've done—kept my Father's commands and made myself at home in his love.

I've told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you.

I'm no longer calling you servants because servants don't understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I've named you friends because I've let you in on everything I've heard from the Father. You didn't choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won't spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, God gives you. But remember the root command: Love one another.”

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

Communion 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. And 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.

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.