

***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:	Jack Nordman, Maurine Huang
Ushers:	Aki Kumagai, Miko Kumagai
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Ben Pryor
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	William & Judy Yee



Mourn - Remember - Recommit



The Celebration of Worship

August 9, 2026 • 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Judy Fukuman

Pianist:

Nancy Arata-Fong

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Haruko Sakakibara

Centering Prayer for Worship

Dear Lord Jesus,

*As we worship today, we realize that we often come to You asking for
favors. Today we'd just like to be in Your welcoming presence.*

As we worship, let our hearts respond to your exuberant joy. 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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Glory to You, radiant God, You made this day for joy and gladness.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of Your resurrection, You lift us up and fill us with the light of life.

Leader: God's radiant light surrounds and fills us, connecting us to all creation.

People: Loving Lord Jesus, Light of the world, receive our songs of praise!

*Opening Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" (#485)

To God be the glory, great things He has done! So loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yielded His life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give Him the glory: great things He has done!

Great things He has taught us, great things He has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain.

Invitation to Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: When we experience God's amazing grace, we can set aside our grudges, and offer friendship to our neighbors; we can stop rehearsing our hurts, and bring healing to others; we can reach out and welcome others, even as we have been welcomed through Christ, our Lord. Let's bring our lives to God and ask for forgiveness and a fresh start.

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: "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.

*Sending Song and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"The Trees of the Field" (#2279 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.

For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. But Jesus said, “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish, but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

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

Judy Fukuman

Joys & Concerns

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Prayer of Confession

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Gracious God, you hope that we would live whole, holy, and healthy lives. Why then do we live fragmented, sinful and unhealthy lives? Why do we struggle so much to be loving, patient, kind and forgiving?

People: **There are so many times when we could respond better to you and others. Instead, we complain about those who are not doing what we think they should, and ignore our own failings. We rush past the poor in our hurry to get more and more, ignoring their basic needs.**

Leader: Have mercy on us. Forgive us for blaming you for the evil we could have avoided or prevented. 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.

All: **Open our hearts to respond Your joy, so that we can give others your love and serve You faithfully all our days.**
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

Judy Fukuman

Leader: Refreshed, revived and renewed, empowered by the Holy Spirit, live as ones who are forgiven and freed.

People: **Lord Jesus Christ, as You gave yourself to us, we give ourselves to You. Teach us how to live in Your light and bring others home to Your love.**

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** Judy Fukuman
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 Jack Nordman

***Hymn of Reflection:** "My Life Flows On (How Can I Keep
From Singing)" (#2212 black songbook)

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock
I'm clinging. Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can
I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

Refrain.

What though my joys and comforts die? I know my Savior
liveth. What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the
night he giveth.

Refrain.

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever
springing! All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep
from singing?

Refrain.

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

Philippians 4:4
Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

2nd Scripture Reading Judy Fukuman

Psalms 27:1, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the defense of my life; whom shall I dread? . . .
I would have despaired unless I had believed that I would see
the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the
Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; yes, wait for the
Lord.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
August Aloha Series: Joy Snacks "Disruptive Joy"
Mark 14:3-9

While Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as
he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very
costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured
the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one
another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way?"