

ALOHA

*love, affection, peace, compassion,
mercy, connectivity, gratitude*



The Celebration of Worship

August 23, 2026 • 13th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Rev. Don Strongman
Dave McGill
Janet Hill
Ben Pryor
Aki Kumagai

Centering Prayer for Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know You, hearts to love You, and voices to sing Your praise. Fill us with Your Spirit, that we may celebrate Your glory and worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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

Rev. Don Strongman

** Those who can, please stand*

Call to Worship

Dave McGill

(Psalm 98)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

People: We will sing praises to the Lord with lyre and the sound of the horn.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

People: We will sing you a new song, O God, for the marvelous things you have done.

All: Let us worship God!

*Opening Hymn: “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
that 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 your glories known;
and clouds arise and tempests blow,
by order from your throne;

*Sending Song and Benediction

Rev. Don Strongman

“The Trees of the Field” (#2279 black songbook)

Sing twice.

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

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:	Terri Bowman, Cheryl Vick
Ushers:	Aki Kumagai, Jack Nordman
Parking:	Russ Hart
Sound System:	Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lori Hart
Altar Flowers:	Jerry & Maurine Huang
	in celebration of their 58 th wedding anniversary

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

Dave McGill

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: "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 ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

while all that borrows life from Thee
is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, art present there.

Invitation to Confession

Dave McGill

Leader: Remember that our Lord Jesus can sympathize with us in our weakness, since in every respect he was tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with boldness approach the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Prayer of Confession

Dave McGill

All: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from You, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from You. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed. In Your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose Your will and obey Your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Dave McGill

Leader: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those that fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Psalm 103: 8-12)
Friends, know that you are forgiven.

***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** Dave McGill

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. Don Strongman

"A happy heart makes your day!"

***Hymn of Reflection:** "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"
(#316)

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.

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) 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.*

Proverbs 17:22

A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up
bones.

2nd Scripture Reading Dave McGill

John 17: 15-19 15

My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that
you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world,
even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is
truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the
world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly
sanctified.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon Rev. Don Strongman

August Aloha Series: Joy Snacks - "Joy Heals"

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your
gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 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 transcends all understanding, will
guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Musical Interlude Janet Hill