

*Sending Song and Benediction

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

“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:	Maurine Huang, Dave McGill
Ushers:	Maria Mar, Jana Nakase-Lee
Parking:	Phillip Chew
Sound System:	Lois Van Beers
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Judy Yee
Altar Flowers:	Dave McGill



The Celebration of Worship

August 30, 2026 • Flip Flops & Popsicles Palooza

Pastor:

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Worship Leader:

Sue Goodwin

Pianist:

Janet Hill

Choir Conductor:

Ben Pryor

Japanese Reader:

Michael Wright

Centering Prayer for Worship

*Creator of All, we join our hearts and minds with the people of planet
Earth. We recognize the deep bond that we have with each created being.
We rejoice in your sacred presence among us and within us. Give us grace
to center our hearts on you.*

*Divine Oneness, we celebrate the goodness, the beauty, the talents, and the
spirituality of all our brothers and sisters in the world. Rekindle our love,
revitalize our compassion, reduce our hostility, deepen our respect, and
inspire us with an awareness of the unity we share with all beings. Amen.*

- Joyce Rupp

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.**

** Those who can, please stand*

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

Call to Worship

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Bring your gratitude to God and share your stories of blessings!

People: Wondrous God, as the rivers and streams reflect the dazzling summer sun, so may our lives reflect Your glory.

Leader: Creator God, You have made an intricate world, and set us in it to cultivate it reverently and responsibly.

All: King of Creation, we come to You with joyful thanks. We gather to worship you, God of Generosity, from whom all blessings flow!

*Opening Hymn: “All Creatures of Our God and King” (#455)

Sing verses 1, 2, 4, 5

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them God’s glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*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: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (#473)

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies,

Refrain. Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,

Refrain.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain.

For Thy church that evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love,

Refrain.

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

August Aloha Series- Joy Snacks: "The Joy of Authenticity"

Romans 12:9-21

Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Lord, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality. Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; Discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody.

Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do. "I'll do the judging," says God. "I'll take care of it."

Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink. Your generosity will surprise him with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Musical Interlude

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.

And everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part.

O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on God cast your care!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: Our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. As we make our confession, may God forgive what our hearts can no longer bear and cleanse us from all that dishonors God and harms others.

All: May God grant us grace to grow more and more in the image and likeness of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

- From the PCUSA Book of Common Worship

Prayer of Confession

Sue Goodwin

Leader: God of the universe, we have sensed Your majestic presence in the world and in our lives. You are the light of freedom and the hope of healing and transformation.

People: "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life" (Psalm 139:23-24)

Leader: As those who bear Your likeness, teach us how to turn from evil. Help us glorify You, and be partners with our Lord Jesus Christ as He restores all things.

All: So that we may fulfill Your holy purpose of taking care of the world, and of each other. 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: By the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, God sets us free from a past that we cannot change, and opens to us a future in which we can be changed.

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

Dave McGill

A Visit from the Good Humor Man

***Hymn of Reflection:** "Shout to the Lord" (#2074 black songbook, #94 Worship & Rejoice)

Refrain. Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing,
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
at the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You.

All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.

My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength.

Let every breath, all that I am never cease to worship You.

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)

Michael Wright

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

Ephesians 2:10

For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

2nd Scripture Reading

Sue Goodwin

Luke 12:1-3

By this time the crowd, unwieldy and stepping on each other's toes, numbered into the thousands. But Jesus' primary concern was his disciples. He said to them, "Watch yourselves carefully so you don't get contaminated with Pharisee yeast, Pharisee phoniness. You can't keep your true self hidden forever; before long you'll be exposed. You can't hide behind a religious mask forever; sooner or later the mask will slip and your true face will be known. You can't whisper one thing in private and preach the opposite in public; the day's coming when those whispers will be repeated all over town.