

The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise. Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.

O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

***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

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:	Miyo Uchida, Cheryl Vick
Ushers:	Betsy Eskridge, Donna Komure-Toyama
Parking:	Tak Fukuman
Sound System:	Titus Toyama
Zoom Moderator/Greeter:	Lois Van Beers
Altar Flowers:	Jerry & Maurine Huang



The Celebration of Worship

October 4, 2026 • World Communion Sunday

A Blessing for World Communion Sunday

And the Table Will Be Wide

And the table will be wide.

And the welcome will be wide.

And the arms will open wide to gather us in.

And our hearts will open wide to receive.

And we will come as children who trust there is enough.

And we will come unhindered and free.

And our aching will be met with bread.

And our sorrow will be met with wine.

And we will open our hands to the feast without shame.

And we will turn toward each other without fear.

And we will give up our appetite for despair.

And we will taste and know of delight.

And we will become bread for a hungry world.

And we will become drink for those who thirst.

And the blessed will become the blessing.

And everywhere will be the feast.

— Jan Richardson

* Those who can, please stand

Worship Team

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader: Carla Hart
Pianist: Wade Tambara
Choir Conductor: Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader: Miyo Uchida
Communion Elders: Jody Brown, Carol Sakai
YES: Melissa Pascoa

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

Call to Worship

Carla Hart

Leader: From north and south, from east and west, we come:

**People: God's people are called to the Table where Christ's
grace nourishes us.**

Leader: From down the street to across the world,

**People: God calls us into unity and community, where we serve
God and each other.**

Leader: From every race, every country, every culture;

**All: We are called to witness to God's love and hope revealed in
Jesus Christ, and to offer peace to a shattered world.**

*Opening Hymn: "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" (# 229)

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every
tongue, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Carla Hart

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 World" (# 386)

Sing to the tune of "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, where love
is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved, where
truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that
opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

He joins us here, He breaks the bread, the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead; the One we love the most is now our gracious Host: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family of which the Lord is head: though unseen He meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing; we'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King; now we anticipate the feast for which we wait: Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

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

In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends thy word:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set
no more. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: In our lives, we are bossed around by our faults and fears, by negativity and our lousy choices. But by God's grace, we are set free from all these toxins. Let's join in offering our confession to the One who yearns to hear and forgive each of us.

Prayer of Confession

Carla Hart

Leader: Holy One, in a world torn apart by conflict and saturated with tears, You call us to treat each person as our sister and brother. In a society filled with injustice and inequality, You call us to partner with You to repair broken lives and broken hearts.

People: But we confess that our lives, our decisions and our choices, are clouded by self-centeredness and sin. Please forgive us. Transform us. Make us more like Jesus.

All: Fill our lives with Your Spirit, and help us follow Jesus in His resurrection work of reconciling and repairing our world.

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

Carla Hart

Leader: Because God forgives us, we have the promise of a new beginning; because God surrounds us with sisters and brothers, we do not journey alone.

All: We believe the good news of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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** Carla Hart

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.

Choir Song: "Come Before the Table" by Karen Marroli

Solo: Haruko Sakakibara, Drums: Tia Kilpatrick

Sharing Time for All Ages Chio Saeturn

Meeting New Friends from Iu Mien Community Services

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) Miyo Uchida

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

Psalms 133:1

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to
dwell together in unity!"

2nd Scripture Reading

Carla Hart

John 17:20-23

As Jesus prayed to God He said, "I'm praying not only for them but
also for those who will believe in Me because of them and their
witness about Me. The goal is for all of them to become one heart
and mind- Just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, so they might
be one heart and mind with Us. Then the world might believe that
You sent Me.

The same glory You gave Me, I gave them, so they'll be as unified
and together as We are- I in them and You in me. Then they'll be
united in oneness, and give the godless world evidence that You sent
me and love them in the same way You love Me."

3rd Scripture Reading & Sermon

Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"Walking on the Earth"

Matthew 4:18-22

As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon,
who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the
sea—for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and
I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets
and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers,
James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their
father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately
they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Musical Interlude

Wade Tambara

***Communion Hymn:** "Come, Share the Lord" (#2269 black
songbook)

We gather here in Jesus' name, His love is burning in our hearts like
living flame; for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here, everyone belongs; finding our forgiveness
here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.