I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus.

***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 Haruko Sakakibara

"Allegro Moderato" by Henry Lemoine (1786-1854)

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.

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The Celebration of Worship

November 8, 2026 • 24th Sunday of Pentecost

Worship Team

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Dave McGill
Pianist:	Haruko Sakakibara
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Haruko Sakakibara
Y.E.S. & Keiki:	Jana Nakase

Centering Prayer for Worship

O God,
You have set us in a world of soaring beauty, and profound mystery. . .
You have set us within a world of fragrant spring mornings,
and brisk, clear autumn nights. . .
We thank You, and we acknowledge that our life is a gift,
a gift to be savored, a gift to be lived out in freedom and responsibility.
As we worship, we delight in Your presence and care over all creation;
remind us of how much mending and healing is still desperately needed.
Grant us grace, living God; grace that blesses all it touches, that lightens every load, that fills Your world with joy and peace. Amen.

Prelude Haruko Sakakibara

** You are invited to stand.*

***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 Dave McGill

Leader: Wondrous Creator, Your generosity ripples throughout the Universe. Your blessings are like stars across the darkening sky – too numerous to count.

People: Praise be to You, God of compassion, for giving of Yourself in Word and work as You shape the world around us.

Leader: Praise be to You, Lord of love, for giving of yourself in the humility and death-defying power of Your resurrection glory.

All: Praise be to You, Holy Comforter, for giving of Your Spirit to be with, and within us. Receive our joyful praise!

***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!

***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 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:** "Here I Am, Lord" (#525)

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus. Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus.

Moses' father-in-law said, "This is no way to go about it. You'll burn out, and the people right along with you. This is way too much for you—you can't do this alone."

Sermon and 3rd Scripture Reading Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave

"It Takes All of Us to Be Us"

Exodus 18:18-24

Moses' father-in-law said to him, "Now listen to me. Let me tell you how to do this so that God will be in this with you. Be there for the people before God, but let the matters of concern be presented to God. Your job is to teach them the rules and instructions, to show them how to live, what to do. And then you need to keep a sharp eye out for competent men who fear God, men of integrity, men who hate dishonest gain; and appoint them as leaders over groups organized by thousands, by hundreds, by fifties and by tens. They'll be responsible for the everyday work of judging among the people. They'll bring the hard cases to you, but in the routine cases they'll be the judges. They will share your load and that will make it easier for you. If you handle the work this way, you'll have the strength to carry out whatever God commands you, and the people will flourish also." So Moses listened to his father-in-law and did all that he said.

Musical Interlude Haruko Sakakibara

"Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by J.S.Bach (1655-1750)

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.

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 Dave McGill

Leader: We need God's forgiveness because we hurt ourselves and others, sometimes accidently, and sometimes deliberately. We also hurt God with our actions and inaction.

When we confess our failings to God, out of the riches of grace, God pours forgiveness into our lives, giving us what we need to live in hope and joy. Let's bring our flawed lives to God in prayer, so we may be made whole.

Prayer of Confession Dave McGill

Leader: God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness: For not putting enough time and energy into the people we treasure.

People: For not treating our bodies as a gift from You.

Leader: For our selfish ways: For hoarding time and money and resources You have so freely provided, and for judging others as unworthy of their share.

All: Give us open hands and open hearts. Strengthen our connection with You through acts of generosity and kindness that build Your Kingdom on earth.

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: Now that we have let go of the guilt, the shame, and the hopelessness of our lives, we will be kind, tender-hearted, and gentle towards each other, forgiving as God has forgiven us.

People: We are God's beloved children, and we will share God's grace and love with others.

All: Thanks be to God! In Jesus Christ we 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. Dr. Sarah Nave

Church Family Celebrations
Welcoming a New Member: Clifford Chow
Congratulating Award Winner: Kishwer Vikaas

***Hymn of Reflection:** "We Are Called" (#2172 black songbook)

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are called ___ to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Refrain. We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly, we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear! We are called ___ to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Refrain.

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, ___ and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love!

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.

Micah 6:8 from *The Message* Bible translation
But God's already made it plain how to live, what to do, what God is looking for in men and women. It's quite simple: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor, be compassionate and loyal in your love.
And don't take yourself too seriously—take God seriously.

2nd Scripture Reading Dave McGill

Exodus 18:13-17
The next day Moses took his place to judge the people. People were standing before him all day long, from morning to night. When Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, saw all that he was doing for the people, he said, "What's going on here? Why are you doing all this, and all by yourself, letting everybody line up before you from morning to night?" Moses said to his father-in-law, "Because the people come to me with questions about God. When something comes up, they come to me. I judge between a man and his neighbor and teach them God's laws and instructions."