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The Celebration of Worship

November 15, 2026 • Thanksgiving Showtime Sunday

Worship Team

Pastor:	Rev. Dr. Sarah Nave
Worship Leader:	Jonathan Sakakibara
Pianist:	Nancy Arata-Fong
Choir Conductor:	Ben Pryor
Japanese Reader:	Miko Kumagai
Y.E.S. & Keiki:	Jana Nakase

Centering Prayer for Worship

Gracious God, we come to worship You this Autumn morning, hoping to experience a sense of Your presence so we feel more hopeful, and more connected to ourselves, to each other, and to You. We're grateful for Your Spirit, refreshing, renewing and healing us with the power of Your love. Fill us with wisdom and a yearning for justice that leads to compassionate action, that there may be peace and restoration in all creation.

"O God, the reflection of your transcendent glory once appeared unbroken in the face of Jesus Christ. Give me today a heart like his: a brave heart, a true heart, a tender heart, a heart with great room in it, a heart fixed on you; for his name's sake. Amen."

From John Baillie's *Diary of Private Prayer*

Prelude Nancy Arata-Fong

** 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 Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Almighty God, open our eyes and hearts to see Your hand at work in the splendor of creation and in the beauty and diversity of human life.

People: Help us to cherish the people and gifts that surround us, and share Your generous blessings with all who accompany us on life's journey.

All: May we reflect Christ's goodness and glory in our lives, confident of His presence with us, empowered by His grace.

***Opening Hymn:** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" (#482)

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from His people again;
gladly for aye we adore Him.

***Sending Hymn:** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" (#280)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

***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 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.

received a denarius. When they received it, they grumbled at the landowner, saying, "These last workers put in only one easy hour, and you just made them equal to us, who slaved all day under a scorching sun." He replied to the one speaking for the rest, "Friend, I haven't been unfair. We agreed on the wage of a denarius, didn't we? So take it and go. I decided to give to the one who came last the same as you. Can't I do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last shall be first, and the first, last.

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** Jonathan Sakakibara

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.

Invitation to Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: God asks us to be mindful that God is with us, and within the world. Let's draw near to God in prayer, entrusting our faults and failings, and the world's brokenness, to God, that we may be made whole.

Prayer of Confession Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Holy God, we turn from life's stress and suffering that feels overwhelming to us, to find Your peace.

People: So often we ignore Your companionship in life and chase any experience that will ease our restlessness. Forgive us. Mend us. Transform us.

Leader: When we take time for reflection and prayer, as well as wonder, we meet Your Spirit Who is with us in every moment.

All: Eternal God, You give strength and guidance to anyone who turns to You. Increase our life-changing impact on the world as we daily rely on Your Spirit.

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 Jonathan Sakakibara

Leader: Although there are wounds within each of us, even more, there is the loving, healing grace of Jesus Christ at work in us.

All: With gratitude and joy, we welcome God's transforming grace into our lives. 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** Jonathan Sakakibara

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

***Hymn of Reflection:** "Shout to the Lord" (# 2074 black songbook)

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) Miko 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.

James 1:17
So, my very dear friends, don't get thrown off course. Every desirable and beneficial gift comes out of heaven. The gifts are rivers of light cascading down from God, the Creator of Light.

2nd Scripture Reading Jonathan Sakakibara

1 Peter 3:8-9
Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called-that you might also receive a blessing.

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

"Are You Envious Because I'm Generous?"
Matthew 20:1-16
For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. When he had agreed with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. Later, about nine o'clock, the manager saw some other men hanging around the town square unemployed. He told them to go to work in his vineyard and he would pay them a fair wage. They went. He did the same thing at noon, and again at three o'clock. At five o'clock he went back and found still others standing around. He said, "Why are you standing around all day doing nothing?" They said, "Because no one hired us." He told them to go to work in his vineyard. Now when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the laborers and pay them their wages, starting with the last group to the first."
When those hired about the eleventh hour came, each one received a denarius. And so when those hired first came, they thought that they would receive more; but each of them also