

Reign of Christ Sunday – November 24, 2024 – 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude – *“I’m So Grateful”*

Crossroads

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words ~

Minister Ainise Isama’u

All human leaders will one day disappoint and fail us. Divine kingship alone is faithful.

Opening Hymn* - *“We Gather Together” (2 verses)*

Angela Gricar

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)-

Jane Matsumoto

Leader: Come, let us gather as one body, a community united in love and faith.

People: We come to celebrate the gift of community, where we belong and care for one another.

Leader: God has called us to live together, to support and strengthen each other.

People: We are the hands and feet of Christ, working together to serve the world.

Leader: Let us worship God, who binds us together in love.

People: With grateful hearts, we come to be the community God has called us to be.

Opening Prayer

Jane Matsumoto

Loving God, we thank You for the gift of community, for the people You have placed in our lives to walk alongside us in faith. As we worship today, may we feel the strength and love that comes from being united as Your body. Teach us to care for one another, to share in each other's burdens and joys, and to live as a reflection of Your love. Help us build a community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and loved. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All)

Minister Ainise Isama’u & Stanley Pang

The Word of God for the people of God

Congregational Hymn – *“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” TFWS 2036 (twice)* Angela Gricar

Scripture Lesson: Joel 2:21-27

Jane Matsumoto

²¹ Don't fear, fertile land; rejoice and be glad, for the Lord is about to do great things! ²² Don't be afraid, animals of the field, for the meadows of the wilderness will turn green; the tree will bear its fruit; the fig tree and grapevine will give their full yield. ²³ Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the Lord your God, because he will give you the early rain as a sign of righteousness; he will pour down abundant rain for you, the early and the late rain, as before. ²⁴ The threshing floors will be full of grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and fresh oil. ²⁵ I will repay you for the years that the cutting locust, the swarming locust, the hopping locust, and the devouring locust have eaten—my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶ You will eat abundantly and be satisfied, and you will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has done wonders for you; and my people will never again be put to shame. ²⁷ You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God—no other exists; never again will my people be put to shame.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Special Music – *“At This Table”*

Faith Chancel Choir & Crossroads

Sermon: ~ *“Our Response to Abundance”*

Emily Allen

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God's grace

Stewardship Moment -

Anna Jovan De-Guzman Santos

Offering Our Gifts ~

Rev. Allison Mark

Doxology* *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 95*

Angela Gricar

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Jane Matsumoto

God of community, we offer these gifts to You as a sign of our gratitude for the people You have placed in our lives. Thank You for the gift of community, where we find support, love, and encouragement. May these offerings be used to build up that community, both here and beyond these walls, to create a place where all are welcomed and cared for. Bless these gifts, and let them be a source of Your love and light in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Minister Ainise Isama'u

Closing Hymn* ~ *“Now Thank We All Our God” UMH 102 (vs 1,3)*

Angela Gricar

Commission and Blessings * -

Rev. Allison Mark & Emily Allen

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude