



SERMON "Divine Deliverance" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

**BEACH SPRING** 

\*HYMN OF APPROACH #695 As We Gather at Your Table

**GATHERING AT THE TABLE** \*The Passing of the Peace

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is contend at the right band of the Eather and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen. The Bread The Cup All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate WORDS FOR THE SHARING In the midst of uncertain times, it is a good and right thing to remind ourselves not just of what could be but of what will be. We worship the God who created time, and whose promises stand firm forever. The Scriptures tell us that God's eternal Kingdom will contain "a great crowd that no one could number. They [are] from every nation, tribe, people, and language." (Revelation 7:9, CEB) We worship the God who created every nation, tribe, people, and language out of love. And so God's promise of grace is offered to all. Following his death and resurrection, which we remember and celebrate through the practice of communion, and in his final words to us on earth, Jesus commissioned us to "go and make disciples of all nations." (Matthew 28:19, CEB) We worship the God who calls us from the sidelines and invites us into the work of the Kingdom. One of God's blessings is the opportunity to join in the fulfilling of God's promises. We eat bread and drink our cup today, remind us that we do not do so in isolation. We are part of a universal and diverse Church that crosses every line the world uses to divide us. Worship the God who is preparing for us a great heavenly banquet where one day we will all feast together. May our faith in God's promises inspire us to build bridges in our community, our country, and across the world. Amen. **OFFERING OF MUSIC for COMMUNION** A Place at the Table S.E. Murray and J. Marshall **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS** Offertory Rivière C. Debussy \*Doxology Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. \*Prayer of Gratitude **\*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY** #501 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah **CWM RHONDDA \*THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY** Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you. \*The Sending of the Community \*Congregational Amen The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week \*POSTLUDE Final (from Duet Suite) D. Bedard \*Please stand, as you are able. We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing - Rose Merke; Guest Pianist - Dr. Leanne Regehr Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams