



October 25, 2020

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

***WELCOME BACK!***

**REMINDERS:**

- Please wear your masks.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing. Only families of the same household can sit close to each other. Only two non-family members can sit on each pew (one on each end)
- No procession or recession by priest.
- No service booklet except for the priest, acolyte and/or appointed response person.
- The Offering collection plate will not be passed around during the service. It is in the back of church. Please try to place your offering there before the service or at the end if you missed it.
- Communion will be bread only. It will be given closer to the pews. Single file down the aisle and exit to the left or right to walk back to your seat.
- No contact during the peace (just turn and acknowledge each other with a bow, wave, etc.)
- No coffee hour after the service.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

**IMPORTANT:** No singing or responses out loud. The congregation will prayerfully listen during the service and silently respond in their heads and hearts. One person will be appointed to say the people's responses for the congregation.

## **READINGS FOR TODAY:**

### **The Collect**

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The Old Testament**

#### **Leviticus 19:1-2,15-18**

The LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

### **The Gospel**

#### **Matthew 22:34-46**

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,  
"Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies under your feet"?'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

### **Prayers of the People - Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world;  
for our Bishop(s) Bishop Curry & Bishop Fitzpatrick; for this gathering; and for all  
ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations;  
and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the  
oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper  
knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on our prayer list.

**For the family of: Nancy Napu'unoa and Lillian Nakamoto**

**For the healing of: Celine Niau Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Amy  
Fiandach, Anne Comcowich, Elvie Ho, Wayne Olivieri, Steve Kai, Jan Loo, Tessie  
Geston-Long, Blaise Napu'unoa, Jonathan Lee, Mildred Ogai, Rei Hamano, Aki  
Shitag, David Lee, Bill Harada, Lori Maunalanga, & Janine LeGrande.**

**For the birthdays of: Audrey Case & Malcolm Hee**

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*



## **Weekly Announcements**

*Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 Tenth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816  
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**Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.**

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***Welcome to Good Samaritan Church!***

We want to thank you for being with us today. Your presence is a gift to our community, and your prayers enhance our worship. We look forward to your return!

***Please also hold the following people in your prayers***

***Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:*** Licensed Clergy: The Rev. Alberto P. Alarcon (Priest) & Mrs. Emelina Alarcon; The Rev. Dale S. Burke (Priest); The Rev. Bruce Craft (Priest); The Rev. Robert W. Nelson (Priest); The Rev. Phil Paradine (Priest) & Mrs. Carter Kimsey; The Rev. JP Sabbithi & Mrs. Lissy Jayaprakash; The Rev. Nancy Hite Speck (Priest) and Mr. Richard Speck; The Rev. David Smith (Priest) & Mrs. Jane Smith; The Rev. Keith Wolter (Priest).

***Announcements***

**Update on Jan from daughter Joni:**

Update on Mom - Week 8 of Chemotherapy  
Journal Entry by Joni Kohama — October 3, 2020



Mom had her 8th chemotherapy treatment yesterday, October 2.

The tumor continues to shrink. The tumor's edges are almost undetectable/indiscernible.

Mom's side effects are mostly manageable. In general, her side effects are hair loss, nausea, tiredness and physical weakness. Staying hydrated and nibbling on lemon peel and ginger keeps her nausea at bay so she rarely takes her anti-nausea medication. At yesterday's appointment she told the doctor that she has started feeling some numbness in her fingertips, so he suggested an over-the-counter dietary supplement. The numbness is expected to be temporary and reversible after she finishes the chemotherapy.

Mom's blood test results are showing signs that her immune system is becoming more compromised. Depending on next week's blood test results, she might not have chemo next week to give her body additional time to build up her white blood cell count. Due to COVID, mom has been staying home and away from other people. In general, the only day she goes out of the house is on Fridays to go to her weekly oncology appointment and chemotherapy treatment.

We recently bought her a walking cane that is also a collapsible chair. (see picture) It's amazingly light and durable. As she is weaker, the cane provides her with much needed support. As the seating in the oncologist's waiting room is limited (due to social distancing measures) the chair/cane is handy as it allows her to sit comfortably in the hall when there are no seats available in the waiting room.

We have noticed some changes in mom's cognitive impairments but thankfully they are not too severe. If you call her she will ask you the same questions over and over again and she often forgets about COVID. She sometimes forgets that she is in chemotherapy.

We are grateful that Mom is still positive and in good spirits. Thank you all for your care and concern.

### **Prayer list update for November:**

We would like to update our current prayer list for November so if you would like someone on the list, please fill out the form at the back of the church, let Deb know, or email the church office with the name. Names will be included for the month then an updated list will be generated for next month.

### **Kodomatsu Day - Mark your calendars:**

This year's kadomatsu making will be the day after Christmas on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup>! We will be cutting bamboo at a new location on a private residence that Chris is in contact with and will bring it back to church to cut and decorate. Pre-order flyers will go out sometime after Thanksgiving. A kadomatsu and lunch will be provided for volunteers.

**Invite Welcome Connect Free Webinar:** Registration now open. Mary Parmer, the founder of Invite Welcome Connect (IWC), returns "virtually" to the Diocese of Hawai'i, leading a FREE webinar on Saturday, November 14, 2020, on Zoom. The webinar will run from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Parmer led workshops on Kaua'i and O'ahu last August on practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging. But how do we implement these

practices during a pandemic? Parmer will discuss launching IWC during a pandemic and address your questions and concerns. For more information and to register, go to Diocese website.

### **The Episcopal Church and the 2020 U.S. Elections: An Overview of Resources**

The Office of Government Relations has created a comprehensive suite of resources for advocacy, the U.S. Election, and 2020 Census engagement. Central to election engagement are the “Vote Faithfully” resources built up over the course of several election cycles and in coalition with ecumenical partners. These resources are designed for use year-round, emphasizing messaging that is non-partisan and informed. As the United States gets closer to Election Day, November 3rd, The Episcopal Church will continue to release new resources, including an ongoing educational series on the basics of the election process and transition of power, four bulletin inserts from Sermons That Work focused on voter engagement and written for the readings on the four Sundays leading up to Election Day, and A Season of Prayer: For an Election, a novena prayer series developed with Forward Movement. Other resources include a Plan Your Vote guide, toolkit for supporting others in your community to vote, a tool for recognizing and combatting disinformation and misinformation, and much more. The Office of Government Relations, and members of the Episcopal Public Policy Network, have also continued advocacy through Action Alerts, direct meetings with Congressional offices, and sign-on letters, pushing for additional funding for the election given the COVID-19 pandemic.

**A Reminder on Phishing Scams:** Online scams are here to stay and we need to remain vigilant. The Diocesan Support Center continues to receive messages about questionable emails from the Bishop, and also from their own clergy. It's always good to double-check if you are not sure after taking some precautionary steps. Here are a few reminders to help identify whether an email is legit:

- Check the return email address. If the address doesn't match the name of the sender, that's a red flag. (Some emails may use similar addresses to legit ones - check closely.)
- Look for grammatical or spelling errors in the text of the email.
- Never open attachments from unknown sources, especially those with an ".exe" extension that could launch an unwelcome virus or malware onto your device
- Check the address at the bottom of the email. If it says “Pastor Tom” and Tom never goes by “Pastor,” it's fake.

Finally, if the email appears safe and the sender is asking for money, goods or personal data, contact the person directly to verify.

**The Rev. Annalise Pasalo to Moderate Webinars:** The Presiding Bishop's delegation to the 64th session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW 64) invites all to join the online study group Beijing +25: Celebrating the Blessing, Realizing the Dream, which will offer a series of webinars, blogs and conversations facilitated by the delegates from July through November 2020. The Rev. Annalise Pasalo from Emmanuel

in Kailua will be moderating. Check the Diocese website for schedule, more information and to register.

**2020 ELECTIONS BY MAIL IN HAWAI'I:** If you've already received your ballot, please vote and mail it back right away or drop it off in one of the voting drop off boxes. Hawai'i is switching to VOTE BY MAIL (VBM), starting this year. If you plan to exercise your right to vote in this extremely consequential year, check your voter registration at <https://olvr.hawaii.gov/> to register, confirm, or update your voter registration address.

**New Community 2020 Virtual Conference:** Registration is now open for the New Community 2020 Virtual Conference, hosted by The Episcopal Church Department of Ethnic Ministries, October 30-31, 2020. The theme is "Weaving Our Diversity and Forming Life-Giving Relationships for the New Reality." This gathering of Asian, Black, Latino/Hispanic and Indigenous clergy and lay leaders provides a safe place to explore mission in ethnic ministries, share resources and best practices, hopes and dreams, needs and concerns, gifts and ministries, suffering and joy. The conference will include plenary sessions and workshops addressing current issues as well as ethnic-specific meetings, inter-ethnic and cross-cultural conversations. For more info and to register, view Diocese website.

**Two By Two Crafts** - Gail and Ariel Lee have many other craft products available online. You can check out their website at <https://twobytwocrafts.com> if you're interested!

**Piano Lessons:** Anyone interested in learning to play the piano? See Ben for his business card, he'd love to receive referrals!

Feel free to take the readings and announcements home with you today.

It can also be viewed on our church website at:

<http://www.goodsamaritanhawaii.org/weekly-announcements.html>

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b>	
<b>October 25, 2020</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Imelda Padasdao
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Pat Lum
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Chris Omuro & Pat Lum

<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 01, 2020</b>	
Supply Clergy:	TBA
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Faye Hee
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Alms Bearer:	Youth
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi