



June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

**REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:**

- There is still no singing but (quiet) responses are now allowed.
- 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.
- 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. *\*All are welcome to go up for communion or a blessing. Christians receive the Eucharist to fully embody the covenant relationship created in Baptism. If you are not yet baptized, cross your arms over your chest and you will receive a grace-filled blessing.*
- No contact during the peace (just turn and acknowledge each other with a bow, wave, etc.)
- Open air gatherings are now allowed with limitations.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

**READINGS FOR TODAY:**

**The Collect**

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**The Old Testament**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;  
I will set it out.  
I will break off a tender one  
from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.  
On the mountain height of Israel  
I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.  
Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.  
All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the LORD.  
I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;  
I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.  
I the LORD have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

## The Gospel

### Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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 healing and care of: Ediza Tamura, Charmaine Leatherman, Ralph  
Akutagawa, Florence Kuwashima, William Harada, Wayne Olivieri, Celine Niau  
Nelson, Jan Motoshige, Sumie Mizushima, Jonathan Lee, David Lee, Rei Hamano,  
Aki Shitagi & Janine LeGrande.**

**For the birthday of: Dalene Nekoba**

*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*

***The Priest adds the concluding Collect:***

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*



## **Weekly Announcements**

*Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, 1801 Tenth Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96816  
(808)735-5944, goodsamhawaii@yahoo.com*

**Good Samaritan is an open and inclusive community, all are welcome.**

### **Announcements for June 13, 2021**

#### ***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:*** Vocational Deacons: The Rev. Dcn. Honey Becker; The Rev. Dcn. Lani Bowman; The Ven. Steve Costa (Archdeacon) & Mrs. Rae Costa; The Rev. Dcn. Leonard R. Howard & Mrs. Marilyn Howard; The Rev. Dcn. Viliami Langi & Mrs. Anapesi Langi; The Rev. Dcn. James Moore & Mr. Larry Nichols; The Rev. Dcn. Lisa Pang & Mr. Patrick Pang; The Rev. Dcn. Patricia Reynolds & Mr. Donald Reynolds; The Rev. Dcn. Edith Sewell; The Rev. Dcn. Cris South & Ms. Barbara Mooradian; The Rev. Dcn. Robert Steele (Deacon) & Mrs. Jeane Steele; The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu & Mrs. Mimi Wu.

#### **Announcements (repeat)**

#### **COVID-19 UPDATES: Church Vaccination Sites**

The following churches in the Diocese are now serving as sites for the public to receive COVID-19 vaccinations. To find a location near you, visit the State's COVID-19 website.

#### **ST. CHRISTOPHER'S, KAILUA (In the parish hall)**

Sunday, June 27

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Age 12 & Up - Walk-ins welcomed

Address: 93 N. Kainalu Road, Kailua

Church office: (808) 262-8176

Note: In collaboration with Castle Memorial Hospital - Pfizer vaccine

#### **ST. ELIZABETH'S, HONOLULU (In Shim Hall)**

Ongoing every Wednesday

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Reservations required: Call (808) 913-1364

Address: 720 North King Street, Honolulu

Church Office: (808) 845-2112

Note: In collaboration with We Are Oceania (WAO) and the Kalihi Palama Health Center

## **HAWAI'I DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: COVID-19 INFO & RESOURCE PAGE**

Be sure to visit the State of Hawai'i COVID-19 website for the latest up-to-date information including vaccinations, travel, news, rules, and more, including links to each county's regulations. Click on the link below to go there now.

### **Suicide Prevention Virtual Workshop: A Hundred Million Reasons:**

"A Hundred Million Reasons" is a free virtual workshop for family, friends, parents, community members, youth leaders, and faith leaders to learn strategies for suicide prevention and develop resilience in your lives. The workshop, which is put on by the Samaritan Counseling Center Hawai'i, will take place on June 11 and 12, 2021. For more information and to register, visit the Diocese website.

### **Registration for Summer Program at St. Andrew's Schools Now Open!**

The Summer Adventure Program for children in K-8 will run from July 19-August 13. For more information and to register, visit the school's website.

FEMA Funeral Assistance for COVID-19 Starting April 12: If you know of anyone that has lost a family member due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a federal program to register for potential financial reimbursements. Clients will have to call 844-684-6333 beginning Monday, April 12. FEMA's website (<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance>) is available in multiple languages. See below for more information. There is also a video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgvN\\_9m58Z0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgvN_9m58Z0)

COVID-19 relief for funeral expenses: FEMA will provide financial assistance for funeral costs specifically related to COVID-19 for funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020, at a 100% federal cost share. The program will be implemented by FEMA nationwide on April 12, 2021; FEMA will administer this program at the National-level, working with states, territory, tribal and Washington D.C. leaders on its delivery with the decedent's place of death dictating which disaster declaration applies.

- Funeral expenses will be reimbursed up to a maximum of \$9,000 per decedent and \$35,500 per registrant (e.g., in cases of multiple funerals in a family).
- Registration paperwork requires proof of funeral expenses and a death certificate that indicates the death "may have been caused by" or "was likely a result of" COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.
- Funeral assistance through this program may not duplicate benefits received from burial/funeral insurance, or other funeral-specific financial assistance.
- Assistance is retroactive to January 20, 2020. Announcements (repeat) Communication with Jan Motoshige: Per Jan's daughter, Joni, to connect with her M

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Per Jan's daughter, Joni, to connect with her Mom, please feel free to:

Call her cell phone at (808)349-6435 (no text please)  
 Email her at [moto1990@me.com](mailto:moto1990@me.com) and/or cc Joni at [joni@gigaisland.com](mailto:joni@gigaisland.com)  
 Email her a video message and cc Joni  
 Write her a letter or card and send it to:

Janice Motoshige  
 c/o Lan Chen  
 237 East Hind Drive  
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96821

**Flower sign-up sheet:** Our flower sign-up sheet is up on the back of the church. Please sign up for the remaining months.

**Join the Conversation!**

Monthly Communication Gatherings Coming! Beginning in March, the Diocese's Communications Design Team will be hosting monthly online gatherings that will be open to all in the Diocese. Called CHATS (Communicate, Help, Ask, Thank, Share), these gatherings will last about an hour beginning with a short presentation on different topics followed by conversation and time for Q&A. Topics being considered include website design, social media, livestreaming, online chat apps, graphic design, video editing, and whatever our community would like to learn more about! These gatherings are being designed to help all in the Diocese to keep moving forward (or catch up) in this rapidly changing world of media and technology. CHATS will take place on the last Thursday of the month at 2:00 PM. Our second gathering will be on Thursday, April 29. If you are interested in participating, please register on the Diocese website to get on the list and receive online instructions.

<b>Thank You to Our Worship Team!</b>	
<b>JUNE 13, 2021</b>	
Supply Clergy:	Rev. Phil Paradine
Music:	Ben Trusnovec
Altar Guild:	Deb Nishihira for Jan Motoshige
Flowers:	Church
Acolytes:	Gavin Nishihira
Lector:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Melissa Morinishi

<b>Looking Ahead</b>	
<b>NEXT WEEK SUNDAY – JUNE 20, 2021</b>	
<i>Supply Clergy:</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Ben Trusnovec</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Taylor Omuro</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Church</i>

<i>Acolytes:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Lector:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Les Hata &amp; Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>