



September 26, 2021
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

REMINDERS FOR THE SERVICE:

- There is still no singing but (quiet) responses are now allowed.
- Please wear your masks. Masks will be provided for you if you forget to bring one.
- Every other pew is being used to maintain social distancing.
- There will still be no procession or recession by Celebrant.
- 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.)
- No refreshment gathering after the service until further notice.
- If you are feeling sick or feverish, please stay home.

READINGS FOR TODAY:

The Collect

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Epistle

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And

if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

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

Announcements for September 26, 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: Retired Clergy: The Rev. Gregory Johnson (Priest) & Mrs. Gwynn Johnson; The Rev. Frances Kay Johnson & Mr. Robert Johnson; The Rev. Russell M. Johnson (Priest) & Mrs. Margo Johnson; The Rev. Marion Keator & Mr. Gerrit Keator; The Rev. Cn. David K. Kennedy (Priest) & Mrs. Anna Marie Kennedy; The Rev. Dcn. Viliami Langi (Deacon) & Mrs. Anapesi Langi.

Announcements (new)

Good Samaritan Service via Zoom:

We continue to test viewing our service via Zoom.

Time: Sep 26, 2021 09:30 AM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81299027949?pwd=VkowWUFZRDFzRU9pbmRmbGwycmRFQT09>

Meeting ID: 812 9902 7949

Passcode: goodsam

Bishop's Committee Meeting Today:

Meeting in the pavilion at 10:15am for those that are present. Other members that are at home, can zoom in if they are able to.

Time: Sep 26, 2021 10:15 AM Hawaii

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84098072627?pwd=N3pEQXNQOG55MVIIWGt5RFErSGV6UT09>

Meeting ID: 840 9807 2627

Passcode: goodsam

Update on Ben:



This photo was sent to Chris from Ben. He sends his hello and misses everyone!

Announcements (repeat)

Season of Creation: September 1 - October 4

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray, protect, and advocate for God's creation.

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1 September through 4 October, hundreds of thousands of Christians will be uniting around the theme, "A home for all? Renewing the Oikos of God." Join us! Visit the Season of Creation website

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

New 'Ōlelo Hawai'i Classes

Free 'Ōlelo Hawai'i classes are starting Tuesday, October 5, 2021, on Zoom, under the tutelage of Kumu Kū Souza ('Iolani School).



We are continuing this endeavor to not only facilitate better knowledge and familiarity with the language, but also because, as the Bishop often mentions, "language bears culture." Last year's session was only open to clergy, and those interested can continue their studies with a "Session II". This year's "Session I" is open to all members of the Diocese of Hawai'i (clergy and lay).

Tuesdays, starting October 5, 2021, planned ending March 29, 2022

- 5:00-5:45pm Session I (first-time students)
- 6:00-6:34pm Session II (continuing students)

For more information, or to sign up, please contact Cn. Sandy Graham. Space is limited (particularly for Session I).

Pandemic Resource for Children



The Liturgical Advisory Committee (LAC) of the Church of Ireland has published a resource for use in the Church to help children to reflect on their experiences of the pandemic.

The resource, entitled *A Service of Lamentation and Hope in the Context of a Pandemic Experience*, centers around the themes of lament and hope and is available at <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/prayer-worship/book-of-common-prayer/liturgies-for-use-during-the-pandemic/a-service-of-lamentation-and-hope>.

This resource has been prepared in such a way that it may be used as an all-age service in a parish context, in a school setting, or with a Sunday School or Sunday Club. It is intended to help create space for the whole Church to acknowledge the losses that everyone within our communities, including children, have endured over the past months. Suggestions for creative and experiential prayer around the themes of lament, hope, and renewal are included, and may be adapted as needed to suit particular local contexts.

Time to give generously to Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD):

My dear Siblings in Christ Jesus,

In this time when people have been devastated by hurricanes, fires and earth quakes, we are called upon to give generously to [Episcopal Relief & Development](#). Episcopal Relief & Development is the compassionate response of [The Episcopal Church](#) to human suffering in the world. Hearing God's call to seek and serve Christ in all persons and to respect the dignity of every human being, Episcopal Relief & Development serves to bring together the generosity of Episcopalians and others with the needs of the world.

Episcopal Relief & Development faithfully administers the funds that it receives from the church and raises from other sources. It provides relief in times of disaster and promotes sustainable development by identifying and addressing the root causes of suffering.

For over 80 years, Episcopal Relief & Development has been working together with supporters and partners for lasting change around the world. Each year the organization facilitates healthier, more fulfilling lives for more than 3 million people struggling with hunger, poverty, disaster and disease. Inspired by Jesus' words in Matthew 25, Episcopal Relief & Development leverages the expertise and resources of Anglican and other partners to deliver measurable and sustainable change in three signature program areas: Women, Children and Climate.

I call on all Episcopalians in Hawai‘i and Micronesia to donate to Episcopal Relief & Development today. I further hope our churches will share this information at all services, in newsletters/e-news, and on websites with renewed vigor throughout September and the rest of 2021.

In addition, Episcopal Relief & Development has provided [Prayers for Those Affected by Disaster](#).

Please be generous!

Your Brother in Christ Jesus,

+Bob

The Right Reverend Robert L. Fitzpatrick

HE EPISCOPAL CHURCH, THE DELTA SURGE, AND THE GOVERNOR’S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-05 (Statewide Limits for Social Gatherings, Restaurants, Bars, and Social Establishments):

If each congregation is following the Diocesan Customary in the time of Pandemic, we should be in compliance and no major adjustments are needed (please review the Customary). I direct that Episcopal Churches should reasonably be considered under the category of “Restaurants, Bars, and Social Establishments” in the Executive Order (there are exceptions for churches and special events). In this Diocese of Hawai‘i, we must ensure no more than 50% capacity in our worship spaces. With the six foot social distancing requirement already in place that should not be a problem. Again, outdoor worship with masks and social distancing is the ideal.

53rd Annual Meeting of the Convention will be Online:

See letter from the Bishop below. For more information and to stay informed, visit the Convention webpage. Our attendees will be: Vicar Rev. Malcolm Hee, and delegates Faye Hee, Deb Nishihira, and Faith Ichida.

REGISTER NOW! EDUCATION DAY: RECONCILIATION:

The Diocese's Reconciliation Task Force will be hosting this year's Education Day being held on Friday, October 22. The theme is on Reconciliation, and will feature guest speakers, Jonathan Okamura, PhD., Professor Emeritus from the University of Hawai'i, and Akiemi Glenn, PhD., founder and executive director of the Pōpolo Project. The event is free and will be live-streamed, but all attendees, whether in-person or online, must register. For more information about Education Day and to register, visit the Diocese website.

News from the Diocesan Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force:

The Creation Care and Environmental Justice Task Force is currently working on worship plans for this year's Season of Creation, which takes place September through October. For information about this global and ecumenical work, see www.seasonofcreation.org. If you would like to help in planning this worship event, please contact either the Rev. Jenn Latham or Vicar Bree Lloyd.

The Task Force is also excited to learn what you are doing or what resources you have available for creation care and environmental justice! We have begun compiling an informational picture of the overall creation care and environmental justice work of each of the churches in the diocese and in other statewide conferences (i.e. asset-mapping). This includes advocates connected to our churches who are working at local and state levels. The purpose for this asset-mapping is to strengthen our network, our awareness of each other's work, and our ability to match needs with resources. You are welcome to contact us and share your work with us. We will be calling you at each of our faith communities. Anyone who is interested in helping with these conversations and/or putting together this asset map, please contact Jenn or Bree.

No refreshments after the service:

Due to the rise in COVID cases on Oahu, we are again being directed to suspend coffee hour/refreshments after the service. I will let everyone know when it can resume.

COVID-19 UPDATES: Church Vaccination Sites

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

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 and 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.

Update & Communication with Jan Motoshige:

Jan said that she's doing fine. She will start going to Central Union Daycare 2x a week. She is able to walk with a walker and counts her blessings. She thanks everyone for their support and love!

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

- Call her on her cell (808-349-6435)
- Email her (moto1990@me.com)
- Write to her (1990 Alaeloa Street; Honolulu, Hawaii 96821)

Thank You to Our Worship Team!
SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Clergy:	Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee
Music:	Eileen Uchima
Altar Guild:	Betsy Hata
Flowers:	John Ogai
Lector/Acolyte:	Gavin Nishihira
Counters:	Jessica Lum & Deb Nishihira

Looking Ahead
NEXT WEEK SUNDAY –OCTOBER 3, 2021

<i>Clergy:</i>	<i>Rev. Malcolm Keleawe Hee</i>
<i>Music:</i>	<i>Eileen Uchima</i>
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	<i>Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>
<i>Flowers:</i>	<i>Lori Chun - in memory of Helen Ezaki's birthday</i>
<i>Lector/Acolyte:</i>	<i>Gavin Nishihira</i>
<i>Counters:</i>	<i>Les Hata & Myrtle Kaneshiro</i>