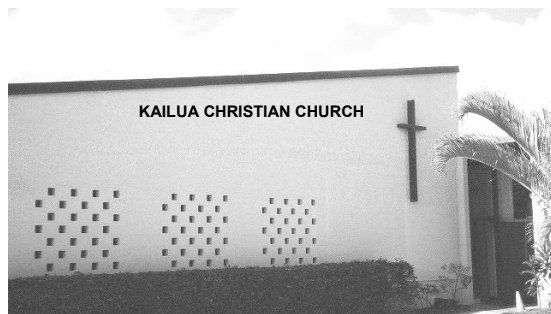


Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,

“Truth and kindness”, was all Bev said as we sat in the parking lot once again after another painfully revealing meeting with her oncologist. “Never let truth and kindness leave you,... and you will have favor with God and people.” Proverbs 3 has been a compass to guide our way in life for a long time. And now Bev brought new insight to its meaning for us today. The doctor explained that all the best efforts with the best chemo had runs its course. The tumors are growing in her bones and liver with little restraint. This truth, which we vaguely anticipated over the past nearly three years, had now come clearly to us.

As disheartening as this harsh truth is, what is also true is the kindness that has prevailed upon us as well. Bev went on to share how moved she has been by the extravagant love that has also been unrestrained in the midst of the assault of cancer. The generous and consistent gifts of wonderfully delicious meals delivered. Even though the meds had nearly destroyed her capacity to taste, her memory and deep gratitude has helped her savor the gifts. The fresh flowers, streams of cards, calls and texts and sensitive visits has continuously lifted her heart with the truth of God’s extravagant love delivered so beautifully by dear friends who are family. Our son’s and daughter’s-in-law sliding in so tenderly close with hard-to-find words and gentle listening brings true encouragement and deep thankfulness that cools and comforts our soul. The fresh breeze of precious joy and sweet caring concern from the hearts of our grandchildren for

‘Nona’, stirs our hearts in remarkably simple and beautiful ways.

Easter comes with truth and kindness that stays with us throughout our lives if we let it. The truth of our need and God’s honesty for what is wrong with our world, our communities and in our own lives is brought to stark clarity with Jesus on the cross. The cross could simply be only about all brokenness and its painful cost. Yet that is not enough for God, the truth of its cost is compelled by the truth of God’s unrelenting and undeterred love. Greater than the loss is the gift of forgiveness, freedom from our failure and the Spirit of Christ to be received and responded to with humble steps day by day in responsive gratitude.

“Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.”

May you and I live by the power of God’s extravagant love in new and fresh ways with each day, with all whom Christ brings us to.

I thank God to be on this journey with you,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

It has been a full year since we have worshipped together in person. We are happy to report that we are tentatively planning to reopen Kailua Christian Church (KCC) for in-person worship and other activities during the first week of June 2021. On Saturday morning, June 5, 2021, we are tentatively planning an all-church vision and planning retreat to help focus our vision for a new start at KCC. We also plan to worship together in the KCC sanctuary on Sunday, June 6, 2021. So, please mark your calendars and we will provide you with updated information as it is developed.

Our affiliation with God Squad has been extended through the end of April 2021 as they are continuing their search for a more permanent location. We are glad that we can share our facilities with them for another month.

Some of us were able to participate in the 2021 HIM Conference this year via a video conference format. Father Greg Boyle SJ of Homeboy Industries was one of the speakers. He ministers to the poorest and most desperate rival gang members in Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles. He shared a line from the Christmas carol "O Holy Night" that spoke to me. The line is familiar to us. It has special meaning for the people who are very lost and recognize that God created all of us and cares about all of us and that Jesus' appearance helps us feel our worth.

**"Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
'Till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth".**

The lost souls of the LA gangs are recognizing that they have worth, and their lives are being changed.

This was a revelation to me. I feel that one of the biggest problems with our society and the whole world is that we do not value each other. We need to value our brothers and sisters the way that God does no matter how much sin and error we have engaged in or how much we might not be able to relate to each other or disagree with each other.

I hope that you all can take in some of the talks from this year's HIM conference as they become available online.

Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



DEACON'S MESSAGE

This Little Light of Mine



"This Little Light of Mine" is a popular gospel song of unknown origin that is sung all over the world. I remember singing this song as a kid, but I never really understood what the song really meant then. The song means to let your wonderful caring spirit come out for the world to see.

God (Genesis)

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw that the light was good."

Gospel (Jesus)

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Story of Easter (Jesus' Crucifixion)

“And darkness fell over the whole land until the ninth hour, because the sun was obscured.”

It was dawn when the first believers, women who went to the tomb of Jesus, found the rock rolled away from the entrance and the body of Jesus gone. It makes sense that this earth-shaking event would be celebrated as the sun comes up.

Directive (Jesus)

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

If you feel stuck in darkness, you need to find the light of Jesus.

To be the light means in times of darkness you offer hope, encouragement, kindness, and compassion. Sometimes to “Be the Light” means to carry on the torch for what needs to be completed or be made new. It may mean to give of yourself in a new way to a situation or cause or relationship you are in.

In the Bible, light has always been a symbol of holiness, goodness, knowledge, wisdom, grace, hope, and God's revelation. By contrast, darkness has been associated with evil, sin, and despair.

Your Light

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Happy Easter everyone from your Deacon, Vernon Pang

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers

~ Cicy & Gary Romero

~ Robert's friend, Helen K.

~ Sharon Nishihira & Steve Hammond

~ Dean's friends, Bryson & Doug

~ Chickee in Spain

~ Pastor J. Salle



~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Robert's M. surgery
~ Bret Black ~ Bret's mother-in-law, Rose
~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima ~ Mike M.
~ Diane & John Mendenhall ~ Steff Moderow
~ Beverly & Pastor Dale Vallejo-Sanderson
~ John's son, Clifford

~ Stella Wakamatsu, Dot Suzuki, Jiggs Tamashiro, Hazel Chow, Ellen Chew, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Alice Esaki, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Ada Kaneoka, Natsuko Matsushima, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, and Ruth Lum and family dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family dealing with this challenging time.

~ Zoom Worship Team

~ All Essential Workers

~ Family, neighbors, and friends caring for each other when the need arises.

~ The safe reopening of churches, businesses, and educational institutions.

~ For our president and govt. officials

~ For the proper distribution of the vaccine.

Sincere condolences to the family of Brian, Florence's neighbor who passed away in mid-February.

Sincere Condolences also to Dean and the family of Dean's friend, Wes who passed away in early March.

Sincere Condolences to the Grable family on the passing of Paul's father, Richard Grable (90 yrs. old) on March 9th and passing of Kammy's half-brother, William (Uku) Ouye who passed away suddenly on March 8th. Richard was a member of KCC and served as Moderator, Missions Chairperson, and Deacon along with his wife, Margey Grable in the late 90's and early 2000s. They had a deep love for the KCC ohana and always felt appreciative of the warm aloha they felt here when first making Hawaii their home.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jonathan Martinez
 Pauline (Miki) Vilorio
 Vernon Pang
 Larry Takumi
 James Todd
 Michael Sakaba
 Cleo Nham
 Carl Takahashi
 Kammy Grable



Hazel Chow
 Jared Higashi
 Madison Maeshiro
 Jennie Lee
 Emily Pang
 Wilma Chung

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Lowell & Myrtle Terada
 Alan & Linda Umetsu
 Dr. Cary & Karen Miyahara
 Richard & Jane Tengan

**NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA
(Angels in the Works for God)**

During the Covid-19 closure of Kailua Christian Church, please continue your health and wellness journey, from the comfort of your home!

April classes for both, **St. Francis Healthcare System and AARP/Windward Community College**, are listed.

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Contact Maylynn Wong at 808-547-8138 or mwong@stfrancis-hawaii.org. After signing up for one class, you will be sent monthly schedules from Maylynn's email distribution list. Her email provides direct registration links per class.

Apr 5, 12, 19 & 26: 8-9 am; New! Big Moves! Monday; Parkinson's Disease Exercise Program
 Apr 07 & 21: 11 am -12 pm; Positive Synergy of Mind and Movement

Apr 07: 5-7 pm; Social Security Benefits and You

Apr 08: 10-11 am; Rooted in Wellness with Ho'okua'aina

Apr 14: 5-7 pm; Trusts, Wills, POA & Medical Decisions

Apr 17: 09-11 am; Hawaii's Long Term Care Options

Apr 20: 10 am – 12 pm; Brain Injuries, Stroke and Spinal Cord Injuries: What Everyone Needs to Know

Apr 30: 5-6:30 pm; Eating Smart for your Kidneys

FREE! Boxing Fundamentals: Tue and Fri; 6-6:45 pm (no class on Apr 02)

FREE! Livestream Zumba Gold classes: every Saturday; 8-9 am (no class on Apr 03)

AARP/WCC's Fast, Healthy and Ono Cooking Series.

Sign up for Chef Daniel Swift's April Zoom classes at Uala Leaf Café via

<https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>; Click on the session of your choice. You will receive a recipe link on your email confirmation.

Apr 01: 5-5:45 pm; Cooking En Papillote (Cooking in Paper)

Apr 08: 5-5:45 pm; Taste of Tuscany

Apr 15: 5-5:45 pm; The Whole Bird – Getting the Most from Your Chicken (Master Butcher Chef Dale Thomas)

Apr 22: 5-5:45 pm; Classic Crab Cakes with a Healthy Twist

Apr 29: 5-5:45 pm; You Gotta Try This Frittata

Please contact me at [yamadamya@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com) or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions. Please stay safe, be healthy and invest your time in any one of these classes. It will be worth your time and effort!

Mahalo and God Bless!

Myra



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”



Here are the answers to March’s quotations for *Name That Author*, plus two new quotations for April. For those who cannot wait a month for the author’s name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at bon-saocats1@gmail.com. If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

Answers For March 2021 Quotations

1- Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not fail you or forsake you. Answer: Deuteronomy 31:6,8

2- Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners, and necessity has made us allies. Those whom God has so joined together, let no man put asunder. Answer: John F. Kennedy

April’s Quotations:

1- *For who is God besides the Lord?
And who is the Rock, except our God?
It is God who arms me with strength
and keeps my way secure.*

2- *“Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you.”*

Reserve The Date!

Saturday, May 22nd

for our KCC All-church Workday

8:30 a.m. to 1 :00 p.m.

Hope you will join us for a great day of Fellowship and preparing the church for re-opening for in-person service.

Please Email or call the church office to inform them of your intent to be there to support this spring-cleaning event. It will help us plan for lunch also. MAHALO!

SAVE THE DATES

Oahu Association Spring Mokupuni
to be held on May 8.

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199TH ‘AHA PAE’ ĀINA: JUNE 13 – 19, 2021 The 199th ‘Aha Pae’ āina, the annual meeting of the Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ, will be held virtually June 13 – 19, 2021.

More details will be coming soon!



A BIG MAHALO TO



Pastor Nathan K. Kohashi
Chaplain

A sincere warm mahalo to Pastor Nate for sharing the morning message at worship on Palm Sunday. It was a wonderful time of inspiration and encouragement and a delightful time of reconnecting with old friends. Among guests to our Zoom worship was Michael Au, who invited Nathan to KCC for his first time of worship with us many years ago.

Chaplain Kohashi is affiliated with Pacific Health Ministry and current serves as Chaplain at Pali Momi Medical Center. He previously served as Associate Pastor at Pearl City Community Church, Pastor at United Community Church and Associate Pastor at Waikēola Congregational Church. Chaplain Kohashi earned his Master of Divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary. Pastor Nate served on staff in the past and he has graciously filled our pulpit many times through the years when we were in need. Thank you, Pastor!

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Happy Easter
to all!