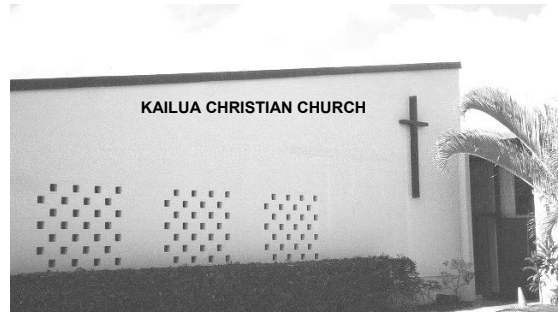


Waves of Faith

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"Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but He said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Cor. 12:7-12

It seems odd to say that weakness helps us find strength. It really isn't about trying to be weak. This season of Lent, the 40 days leading up to Jesus' arrest, death and resurrection can be a time to be honest with hope about what we struggle with. This honesty helps us discover Christ's strength of forgiveness, understanding and His ability to help us become better by His love and guidance in our weaknesses.

After I recovered from Covid in October, my middle son Andrew and I began swimming a couple mornings a week from Kailua beach to Flat Island. I had swam much of my life, but now it had been a few years and I was struggling. I decided to use fins and snorkel for this swim. It was hard for me to admit I needed the help. The first few mornings I was fiercely gasping for air through the snorkel, trying to keep kicking those fins and my arms were screaming out to stop. I even had to pause once or twice to rest on the red buoy. Andrew pulled behind him to let boats know we were out there.

After a few days of good swims my lungs relaxed, my strokes found their rhythm and strength, and I didn't need to rest on the way. I still use the snorkel and fins, I'm glad for the support.

I have felt a lot like Paul this year as I remain in this difficult journey of grieving many losses in our family over the last four years, but especially Bev's passing. There have been many prayers of hoping the sadness would dissipate, the fatigue would cease and loneliness would subside. It often has not stopped. Instead, I am slowly realizing there is much for me to discover about myself and Christ grace for me.

I see my own limits of patience, pacing in my attempts to proceed to make the best of my day, my life with my family and even serving here as your pastor. This is hard to acknowledge and accept about myself. It is humbling, even feels humiliating at times to know I am not now who I once was.

What Paul heard from the Father is that in his weaknesses God's power is made evident, helpful and perfect. God was revealing that His strength isn't about showing up how much better He is, but how good He is about helping us find our way.

Paul goes on then to say he will be content about his weaknesses and struggles, because that is when He discovers how loving, encouraging and helpful God is to change and lead him. I pray the same for myself and you. I pray that in these weeks leading to Easter that taking stock of

who I honestly am, how God honestly sees me in my brokenness gives me courage to welcome His ways to heal, be at peace and become in new ways more of the person He sees me to be. I pray this for you as well with all my heart, that God's great grace becomes more than sufficient than you and I have ever known.

With a grateful heart to God for you,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

David Brooks – Feb. 4, 2022: NYT Opinion re Evangelism - excerpts

There is a lot of division across many parts of American society. But for evangelicals, who have dedicated their lives to Jesus, the problem is deeper. Christians are supposed to believe in the spiritual unity of the church. While differing over politics and other secondary matters, they are in theory supposed to be unified by their shared first love—as brothers and sisters in Christ. Their common devotion is supposed to bring out the fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Agape love is the kind of self-surrendering love for others that is supposed to be at the heart of the Christian life. Without love, the accused are defensive because they feel guilty, because they are, and the accuser only ends up alienating the people who he is reaching out to.

Many Fuller Theological Seminary students believe in the central creed of Christianity, but not the institutional shroud it has come wrapped in. That is to say, they love Jesus, but they have had it with many of the institutions their elders have built in his name.

There can probably be no evangelical renewal if the movement does not divorce itself from the lust for partisan political power. Over more than a century, Catholics have established a doctrine of social teaching that helps them understand how

the church can be active in civic life without being corrupted by partisan politics. Protestants do not have this kind of doctrine.

Many of the seminarians at Fuller are moving away from church as we normally conceive it. They want to build communities that are smaller, intimate, authentic, which can often fit in a living room. They see faith as inseparably linked to community service with the poor and marginalized. There's a general interest in getting away from all the bitterness that has devoured the elders and just diving back into the Bible.

Modernity has peaked. The age of the autonomous individual, the age of the narcissistic self, the age of consumerism and moral drift has left us with bitterness and division, a surging mental health crisis and people just being nasty to one another. Millions are looking for something else, some system of belief that is communal, that gives life transcendent meaning.

Christianity is a potential answer for that search, and therein lies its hope, and the great possibility of renewing its call.

Lightly edited and citations and quotes removed by Paul Grable

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



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CALMING THE STORM



Nobody likes change...except babies. They cry for change.

The rest of us like small degrees of change but never dramatic, earth-rocking shifts of pattern and routines.

With change comes fear, insecurity, sorrow, and stress. What's the best solution? Hide and hope it all goes away? Never works. Change finds you.

It found the apostle Peter. He and his pals were sailing on calm waters when all of a sudden a storm hit. The winds changed. The waves rose. Not the kind of change a fisherman desires.

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid!"

"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "Tell me to come to you on the water." (Matthew 14:25-28)

When he saw Jesus walking on the water, Peter decided to get a little change of scenery, to abandon the ship, and to step out in faith on the water.

The change worked.

"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. (v.29)

It is possible to walk right over the storms of change. Peter proved it!

Unfortunately, one other thing changed Peter's mind.

But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Immediate, Jesus reached out his hand and caught him.

"You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" (v. 30-31)

Peter's fear took over when his focus changed. When he saw Christ, he was strong. When he saw the storm, he wasn't.

If only Peter had focused on Christ...Don't be afraid.

From: Trade Your Cares For Calm by Max Lucado. Submitted by Lily Lee, Deacon

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



~ Kira Chong
 ~ Sylvia Shiraishi
 ~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
 ~ Lowell & Myrtle's family
 ~ Karen Shimizu ~ Alice Esaki
 ~ Bobbi Bishaw-Gramberg
 ~ Warren Imada ~ Sharon Mon
 ~ Patt Emminger's brother, Richard)
 ~ Warren & Lynn Nakano
 ~ Sharon Nishihira ~ Steve Hammann
 ~ Sheila's friend, Jody ~ Hazel Chow
 ~ Pastor Guy's heart surgery healing
 ~ Larry & Sandra Siu ~ Otsu Ohana
 ~ Pastor Damien Wong
 ~ Dennis & Maureen Nakashima
 ~ Henry Tom ~ Jane Bailon
 ~ John Sakamoto's Family
 ~ Jill Kent's husband, Pat ~ Ana Cruz

~ Jiggs Tamashiro, Lowell & Myrtle Terada, Walter Yeda, Brian Nakashima, Harry Imai, Hazel Masuda, Carl Nemoto, Jean Kanazawa, Hideko Mumaw, Akito & Annie Sagawa, Ruth & Harrison Lum, and all families dealing with high risk factors along with our entire church family.

~ Zoom Worship Team
 ~ The safe reopening of in-person worship
 ~ Continued vaccination efforts
 ~ Safety and health of everyone

Sincere condolences to Reuben Bernardo and family on the loss of his wife, Tabby. Tabby passed away in late February in Colorado where they resided. The Bernardos were members at KCC in the past and have continued to be longtime friends of many KCC ohana. Our warm hugs and sympathy goes out to Reuben.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Lance Yoneshige
Mikayla Maeshiro
Alan Yoneshige
Jolene Chang
Cindy Imai
Jason Lau
Nathan Chang
Heather Bernal
Sam Kojiro
Cyndi Kesler
Joshua Weible

Maureen Wakuzawa
Dean Wakuzawa
Pastor Tim Weible
Lowell Terada
Winchell Lee
Lynda Yoshimura



Bruce & Coleen
Kugiya

WORSHIP NEWS

We believe that we are on the verge of moving from on-line worship via Zoom only to in-person worship services again and we have set the new tentative date for opening in-person to be March 20, 2022. This will be two full years since we closed due to the pandemic. Although the numbers of infections and hospitalizations and deaths from Covid-19 are currently still unacceptably high, the trends look very good and if they continue, we will be with each other again soon to fellowship and worship together.

Aaron Tanaka has been providing his IT expertise and has been hosting Zoom worship and preparing the music and PowerPoints for almost two years. He has been helping all of us learn how to Zoom and has also served as the KCC Worship Chairperson for 2021. He has trained a few of us on how to host the Zoom service and Reggie Yamada and Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson are now taking the lead on Zoom worship with Aaron acting as a back-up.

We plan to offer both in-person worship and worship via Zoom. We aren't sure if we will be able to do both at the same time on Sunday mornings

or whether we will be offering two separate services: one being in-person only and the other being via Zoom only. We will be letting you know before March 20, 2022.

Thank you also to all the Zoom invocation prayer leaders, scripture readers, and offering prayer leaders and other volunteers during our Zoom services in 2021. Thanks also to Gail Yoneshige for preparing and recording our worship songs for use during the Zoom services.

Many thanks also go out to the in-person Worship Team during Advent when we were able to meet in person and broadcast via Zoom for a few weeks. These people include: the Advent Candle readers, our piano players (Nani Oda and June Cunningham), our Zoom coordinator and host (Aaron Tanaka), refreshments (Keith Schultz and Steff Moderow), the video and PowerPoint slide operator (Reggie Yamada) the sound system and lights operator (Barney Pilla), the ushers and greeters (led by Jennie Lee and Pat Chinn), attendance coordinator (John Sakamoto) and Bill Cunningham for sharing a song that he wrote.

We are going to need lots of Worship Team volunteers as we attempt to worship together and broadcast the service to those who cannot come to the sanctuary. There are lots of positions available and tasks to be performed. Examples include Worship Leaders, Scripture Readers, Children's Message, Refreshments, King's Company, Nursery, Music Leaders, Piano/Organ Players, Sanctuary Setup/Cleanup, Parking,

Media, Lighting, Audio, Ushers, Greeters, Candle Lighters, Drama, Dance, and Covid Protocol.

If you are interested in serving on the Worship Team, contact Paul Grable (Acting Worship Chair) directly or through the church office. We will find a place for you to serve on this team.

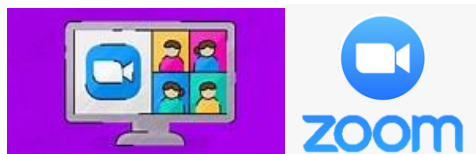




“Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action”
Friday, March 4, 2022

World Day of Prayer is a worldwide, ecumenical movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. It is initiated and carried out by women in more than 170 countries and regions. and who, in many countries, have a continuing relationship in prayer and service. It brings women of different races, cultures, and traditions together in fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year. Through World Day of Prayer, women affirm that prayer and action are inseparable and have immeasurable influence in the world. All people are welcome to participate.

For more information please go to <https://wdp-usa.org>



Getting On Zoom

- Open a browser and access zoom.us or open the zoom app
- Access Join a Meeting
- Meeting ID: 873 846 0097
- Passcode: branches
- You should now be in the Zoom meeting

Please let us know if you need help getting on the Zoom site. Questions can be directed to the office and we will try to assist you, 808-261-0125.

ZOOM WORSHIP SERVICE FOR NOW

We hope you will join us starting on Sunday morning March 20 when we return to in-person worship at 10:00 a.m.

IN PERSON SERVICE PLANNED FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2022 – 10:00 AM

As we look forward to our re-opening of in-person services, we encourage all to continue to be attentive to current health and safety guidelines. As we get closer to that date we will keep you posted on what we understand is the latest updates to help in keeping everyone as safe as possible. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. We're so excited that we will be seeing you all again soon!



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

March 26, Saturday, 10:00-11:00:

Due to the Covid-19 situation, Kailua Christian Church's In-Service AED/CPR Refresher will be free on Zoom.

AED Institute of America/Local Staff Instructor:
Brenda Dumadag

An email reminder will be sent to each of you who are interested in this refresher. Please sign up with Kammy or Myra.

JOIN ZOOM MEETING:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83222238752?pwd=ZlE5QUhYYjdKVUFXeFdnckFIZXVGZz09>

Meeting ID: 832 2223 8752

Passcode: KCC22



Reserve May 28 on your 2022 calendar!

May 28; Saturday, 1000-1200:

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body – Tips from the Latest Research

Nicholas Los Banos, HI Island Regional Coordinator/Alzheimer's Association, Aloha Chapter

Also, Nourishment for the Caregiver! Sarah Josef, Clinical and Community Nutritionist/Dietician with Hui Malama Ola Na 'Oiwi

Zoom Details will be included in KCC's May 2022 newsletter.

During this time of limited social gatherings and meetings, please continue to safely **LEARN, LEARN and LEARN** from the comfort of your home! I highly recommend taking these free Zoom classes from **AARP/WCC's "FAST, HEALTHY AND ONO"** series, featuring Chef Daniel Swift, WCC's Workforce Development Coordinator. Chef Dan's classes can be found at www.aarp.org/hi, by clicking on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the Join the Webinar link.

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

Register for Chef Daniel Swift's four March 2022 Zoom cooking classes based on the theme, Trip Around the World via WCC's Uala Leaf Café at <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

Mar 03: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; French Cassoulet & Herbs de Provence

Mar 10: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Italian Wild Mushroom Risotto

Mar 17: Thu, 5 - 5:45 pm; Spanish Paella Valencia

Mar 24: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Calamari ala Plancha

Mar 31: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Moroccan Chicken Tajine & Couscous

St. Francis Healthcare System's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series is another excellent source of health and wellness classes.

St. Francis Healthcare System of Hawaii's Caregiver Education and Wellness Series. Sign

up for individual classes via <https://mailchi.mp/stfrancishawaii/march-2022-classes>. Click on the registration button for each selected class. Contact Melissa Caballes if you have questions or are having difficulty enrolling; 808-547-8138; mcaballes@stfrancishawaii.org. You will be sent a confirmation instantly when enrollment is successful, followed by an email confirmation with details and a Zoom link.

Once enrolled in a class, you will receive a reminder the week of class and future monthly schedules.

Mar 01 - 29: Tue, 9 - 10 am; Body & Brain Yoga Tai Chi (5 sessions)

Mar 02 – 30: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

Mar 02: Wed, 5 – 7 pm; Truths & Myths on Long-Term Care Insurance

Mar 04 - 25: Fri, 6 – 6:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals (4 sessions)

Mar 04/07/08/14/15: Fri, 5 - 6 pm; Eating Smart for Your Kidneys 5-session workshop

Mar 05 – 26: Sat; 8 - 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in-person)

Mar 05: Sat, 9-10:30 am; Medicare Basics

Mar 07 - 28: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves Monday (4 sessions)

Mar 09: Wed, 11 am -12 pm or 1:30-2:30 pm; New! Know Your Numbers Series: Ideal Retirement Planning (both, virtual and in-person)

Mar 16: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; New! Excessive Sleep & Narcolepsy

Mar 18: Fri, 5 – 6:30 pm; Living with ALS: Care & Caregiver Perspectives

Mar 19: Sat, 9 - 11 am; Mobility Training for Caregivers (both, virtual and in-person)

Mar 24: Thu, 5 – 6:30 pm; Knock out Gout

Mar 31: Thu, 5 – 7 pm; Preventing & Identifying Strokes, Spinal and Brain Injuries

Note: in-person sessions will be held at Senior Community Center at the Kupuna Village in Liliha.

Contact me at yamadamyra@hawaii.rr.com or call (808) 348-2297 if you have questions. Please stay safe, be healthy and invest your time and energy in any one of these informative and free classes.

Mahalo and God Bless! Myra



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for February*, plus two new quotations for March. 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.

February Quotations:

1- “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.” (**Colossians 3:15 NIV**)

2- “Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you.” (**Isaiah 43:4 NIV**)

March Quotations:

1- “We do not want to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”

2- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”



LATE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Churches Celebrate Henry
Opukaha'ia Sunday

Each year on the third Sunday in February, churches are encouraged to honor the legacy of this young Hawaiian, Henry Opukaha'ia credited with inspiring the Sandwich Islands mission that brought Christianity to Hawai'i. We thank God for using Henry to bless us!



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering supports the disaster, refugee, and development ministries of the United Church of Christ within Wider Church Ministries. We will receive this offering on March 27 and invite you to join us.

When you give to OGHS, you deploy resources to people in need all around the world, and in our own communities. When man-made or natural disasters strike, love responds. Not just for the immediate future, but for the long haul. When you give to OGHS, you are working alongside families to restore not only structures, but hope. Your giving ensures that no matter how difficult the situation. Love remains.



“EVERLASTING”

**HAWAIIAN ISLAND MINISTRIES (HIM)
2022 Conference - March 24-26, 2022.**

Online and at Ko'olau Ballrooms at First Presbyterian Church in Kaneohe.

What a wonderful opportunity for everyone to be invited to watch this year's conference for free!!! Because of two gifts given to HIM's ministry – all costs for the conference was covered.

The last two years have been draining for all of us. It has been exhausting. HIM is inviting you to come and just receive. Come, rest, and be restored by our everlasting God. Three days and 30 speakers ... HIM 2022 will gather across denominations, traditions, cultures and time zones as the Body of Christ.

HIM YOUTH PROGRAM will be held on March 17-19 at the Koolau Ballrooms.

Go to him2022.org to register and find out more about both events.

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Malo 'aupito
(Thank you very much)



ASH WEDNESDAY
– Wednesday, March 2, 2022
Zoom Service – 7:00 p.m.
We hope to see you there!



***A season of Reflection,
Renewal, and Preparation.***