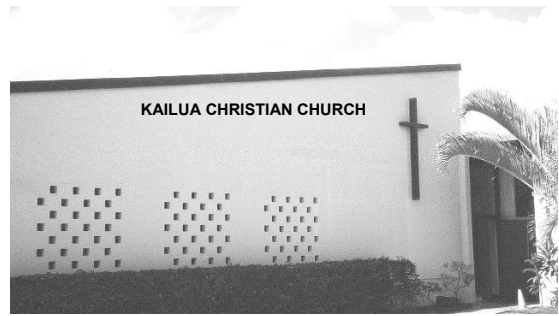


Waves of Faith

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Dear family and friends,
“Jesus went straight to the Temple and threw out everyone who had set up shop, buying and selling. He kicked over the tables of loan

sharks and the stalls of dove merchants. He quoted this text: **“My house was designated a house of prayer; You have made it a hangout for thieves.”** *Isaiah 56:7*

Now there was room for the blind and crippled to get in. They came to Jesus and He healed them.”
Matthew 21:12-14 (Message translation)

I have come through this season of Lent to discover the profound Radical Care of Christ. In my long four and half years of profound loss, I have heard in deep and thorough ways Christ calling me to surrender to His healing and care of my soul.

What I have discovered is that I also have needed the way cleared of my own will to keep doing what I am used to in order to find healing and strength. I have seen that my determination to keep serving has with it a hold of defining my own style of self-care over allowing Christ to heal and care for me. I have become to realize that I also have needed Christ firm hand of cleansing and clearing of whatever may be causing me any resistance to Him.

Jesus enters into the temple of Jerusalem with the cheers and praises still ringing in His ears. He could have simply relished the applause and enjoy the admiration. Instead, Jesus goes right to the heart of what matters most. He abruptly disturbs the way things have come to be. He actually throws out those who were getting in the way of

people coming into God’s presence, God’s healing, God’s hope.

Radical care. Radical love! Jesus radical care refuses to cater to that which keeps us from knowing and experiencing the fullness of His love and life given for us. What happens after He cleans out the temple is what really matters most. Those who could not find their way were given eyes to see, those wounded and held back were freed. Jesus came to recover each one of us with loving care that heals our soul with a new closeness of God’s redeeming love.

All of this took place before Jesus got to the cross. This was Jesus great preview of the more thorough and complete opening of the way to the full goodness of the Father. Jesus would soon after this be finishing on the cross and fulfilling with His rising the whole new promise.

I am grateful for your prayers and please know I pray for you that we may each welcome the Radical Care of Christ to do what clearing and cleansing He sees we need in order to free us to the fullness of His healing and freeing love. Truly, Jesus is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

May this Easter be like none other of new life in Christ for you and your family.

I praise God for each of you,

Pastor Dale



MODERATOR'S NOTES

The last two years have taught us a lot about who we are and what we need. It has taught me that we need God, and we need each other and that we do well when we are connected to both. We may have also learned that we can be the church without being in the church building. Being the church may be more about who we are and our relationships with each other and with God than it is to participate in gatherings or programs at the KCC facilities.

Our pursuit of God and intention to live lives of deep compassion and love in community with others is the focal point of Christianity. In John 13:34, Jesus says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." He continues, "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (13:35). Being loving and kind to each other cannot be over emphasized.

After Easter, Pastor Dale will be stepping down as our Pastor at KCC. Thereafter, we will need to be more connected to God and each other than ever. We may have relaxed a little knowing that our Pastor was here to rely upon for leadership and guidance and we didn't really need to think that much about the direction and leadership of KCC. Now we do. Thus, I encourage all of us to put our priorities in the right place and look to our Father for direction and to engage in love for one another as Jesus directed us and showed us how.

The next few months may be more challenging for KCC than we probably anticipated at the beginning of this year. We invite you to participate with us in reaching out to each other in love and kindness and in areas where you may be called to serve. We are looking forward to being connected to each other in loving relationships while worshipping our Lord and serving each other and our community together.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable

**DEACONS CORNER**

Do You Remember

Rolling back the years I have spent with KCC I have seen a great number of adversities and challenges bestowed upon our church, and I am quite certain that KCC will be facing more adversities and challenges in the future. But as one of our council members mentioned in our last meeting "we always bounced back...we always survived".



The Greek word Koinonia is used nineteen times in the New Testament and in addition to being translated as "fellowship" it has a root meaning "to hold something in common." A closer study of the usage of this word shows that action is always associated in its meaning. So, fellowship meant not just being together, but also sharing and doing together! This is a very important point that is almost universally forgotten by Christian groups today.

Why has KCC survived for over half a century? I think it's because historically we practiced good Koinonia (fellowship).

1) We engaged in activities meaningful to our living. Retreats, bible study, health/exercise, Na Anela, men's groups, youth groups, hobbies/advocations, sports, Christmas programs/candlelight service, Easter programs/sunrise service, fundraisers, potlucks, etc. Did someone mention that KCC has the best potlucks? What about getting up 5:00 am. or earlier in the morning to go walking, or to see the sunrise on Easter. Is that a test of true fellowship? "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." Matthew 18:20

2) We participated in doing volunteer and charity work. Church officers, church committee members, River of Life, Family Promise, work days/projects, office helpers, community work, transitional housing, foodbank, beach cleanups, charity sponsorships, support for our sister churches, etc. What can be more rewarding than receiving a thank you from a homeless person for feeding him, or a family thanking you for providing them shelter, or a sister church saying mahalo for providing them a transitional place to worship?

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

3) We showed support for friends and families. Baptisms, births, weddings, graduations, kapuna support, keiki activities, birthdays, end of life, milestone celebrations, home and hospital visits, etc. How great is it to celebrate the birth of a new child in the KCC ohana or to celebrate a charter member's centennial birthday? How profound is the song lyrics “In the Father's hand we know, that a lifetime not too long to live as friends”? Friends – Na Leo Pilimehana

“How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!” Psalm 133:1

Get involved and stay in faithful fellowship with the body of Christ! Don't run off if something disappoints you or you get your feelings hurt — this only demonstrates short sightlessness and places you in further danger of losing the blessing of God's grace. If you alienate yourself from fellowship, you will restrict the life-giving blood flow of the body of Christ, and will be regressing down a path that leads you away from your communion with God.

Vernon Pang, Deacon – Wishing you a Happy Easter and hoping that you remember.

blessed blessed blessed

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people
live together in unity!*
Psalm 133:1

PRAYERS & PRAISES

Please keep in your prayers



~ Reggie Yamada
~ Myra's cooking skills
~ Sylvia Shiraishi biopsy (Myra's sister)
~ John Sakamoto's son-in-law, Tony Sarabia recovering from surgery and Tony's wife, Coreen (John's daughter).
~ Dr. Gary's healing of health issues and meds challenges and Susan's continued stamina.
~ Myrtle's healing of health concerns and strength for Lowell and the rest of family.
~ Donna Arany, healing from kidney issues (friend of the Peters family.).
~ Kira Chong
~ Danica Fong and her mom, Vici
~ 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
~ Jiggs Tamashiro, 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 and the safety of in-person worship.

~ Prayers for Ukraine and their people.



Sincere condolences and deepest sympathies to the family of Betty Fukunaga. Betty was a longtime friend and supporter of KCC who passed away in February. Our sympathies go out to all of her family, especially Mildred Watanabe, her daughter, who is also a friend of KCC.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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

Jared Higashi
Madison Maeshiro
Jennie Lee
Emily Pang
April Jessee
Dan Jessee
Wilma Chung



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

WORSHIP NEWS

As of March 20, 2022, we have finally moved from on-line worship via Zoom only to in-person worship services with Zoom access. It was great to be with each other again fellowshiping and worshipping together. It was also good to have a very engaged Worship Team working together to make this all happen.

The current Worship Team has been working hard trying to make this transition. Gail Yoneshige and June Cunningham have been serving as pianists providing live music; John Sakamoto is our attendance coordinator; Aaron Tanaka and Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson are providing their IT expertise and are heading up the technical aspects of our audio visual and computer assisted communications; Barney Pilla is capably handling the audio amplification and lighting for our in-person worship; Alan Yoneshige and Reggie Yamada are acting as cameramen to broadcast in-person video images to our Zoom congregation.

Reggie also works on the PowerPoint displays for both on-line and big screen in-person viewing; Kammy Grable is preparing the PowerPoint slides

and the Zoom invitations and is sending us the Scripture and Sermon notes and questions; Paul Grable and Pastor Dale have started leading the singing in the sanctuary, Jenny Lee has been providing our Covid screening and manning the Covid materials table at the entry door; Pat Chinn and Vernon Pang are greeting people as they come to the sanctuary and are the acting ushers, collecting the offering and performing other usher tasks. Steff Moderow and Keith Schultz have provided refreshments and meals for the in-person worshippers including on our first day back and Harvey Lee made sure that the facilities were clean and looking good.

The Zoom invocation prayer leaders, scripture readers, and offering prayer leaders and other volunteers during our Zoom services in March were discontinued once we shifted to in person worship because it is too difficult to have the on-line people speak to the congregation in the sanctuary. Curtis and Lia Lau and Florence Miyashiro were providing those services in March until we started to meet in the sanctuary again.

A special thanks goes out to Connie Mitchell (IHS Director) for filling in as our guest pastor on March 13, 2022 and to Debbie Fong for leading our Congregational Prayer on that day.

We plan to continue to offer both in-person worship and worship via Zoom. We may have to use music from the internet on occasion and our broadcasting may change over time. We will try to keep you posted on any changes.

Many thanks also go out to the Worship Team who are making this all possible. 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.





NA ANELA I KA HANA A KE AKUA

(Angels in the Works for God)

Please reserve May 28 on your 2022 calendar!

May 28; Saturday, 1000-1200 on Zoom:

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

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

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

Inform Kammy or Myra if you are interested. Zoom details to be included in the May 2022 newsletter.

Please continue to **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 three April 2022 Zoom cooking classes based on the theme, Trip Around the World via WCC's Uala Leaf Café at <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

Apr 07: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Lebanese Tabbouleh Salad

Apr 14: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Turkish Stuffed Eggplant

Apr 21: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Mediterranean Style Mahi Mahi w/Wilted Greens & Mushroom

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/april-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.

Apr 01 - 29: Fri, 6 – 6:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals (no class on Good Fri, 4/15/22)

Apr 04 - 25: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person)

Apr 05 - 26: Tue, 9 - 10 am; Body & Brain Yoga Tai Chi

Apr 06 – May 13: Wed, 1 – 3:30 pm; Diabetes Self-Management 6-week program

Apr 09 - 30: Sat, 8 - 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in-person; no class on Holy Sat, 4/16/22)

Apr 09: Sat, 9 – 11 am; Understanding Hawaii's Long-Term Care Options

Apr 14: Thu, 10 - 1130 am; Rooted in Wellness

Apr 14: Thu, 5 – 7 pm; New! Lymphedema and the Benefits of Tripudio Movement Systems

Apr 18: Mon, 11 – 1 pm; Healthy Brain Aging & Dementia - Depression in Older People

Apr 20: Wed, 5 pm; New! Achieving Optimal Brain Health through Lifestyle Choices

Apr 25: Mon, 5 – 6:30 pm; Social Security Benefits and You

Apr 28: Thu, 9 – 10:30 am; New! Introduction to Kupuna Aikido

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

Mahalo to attending participants of the AED/CPR Refresher class – There were 14 of you who were able to take the time to learn and build confidence in using the AED equipment. We are so fortunate to have this available thanks to John Sakamoto, who donated funds for this valuable equipment.

We are hoping that everyone who attends church would become familiar with the procedures to use this equipment, which could save someone's life. We are excited to announce that we were able to zoom the refresher class that you can access at your leisure and will help you to see how user friendly this can be and may really help in a life and death matter.

(sign in to website to view)

<https://youtu.be/hyVx7FiRUMY>

We hope to have an in-person (hands on) refresher class next year. We are currently eligible to attend a free class at the airport on designated Saturdays. Check with the church office for more information.



“NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for March*, 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.

March Quotations:

1- “We do not want to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.” **HEBREWS 6:12**

2- “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.” **MATTHEW 5:5**

April Quotations:

1- Praise be to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

2- This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.



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 in early April 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.



EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT PUNCHBOWL

Rev. Dr. David K. Popham, HCUCC Conference Minister is this year's guest preacher and the youth of the Pohnpeian Ministry at Central Union Church is helping with some of the service logistics. They are expecting a larger crowd than normal so plan accordingly if you are attending.

Estimated starting time is 6 a.m.





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.

BACK TO THE BASICS

As we return back to in person worship at KCC here are some friendly reminders to help us all be well informed and to functioning as a community again. Being sensitive to each other and following the governor and mayor's lead we encourage you to continue wearing masks and social distancing during the service. We will also be leaving the doors open for good ventilation during worship.

Refreshments are still limited for special events and we will make announcements of when we are welcoming snacks or plan for a meal. Can we count on your help in kitchen prep and clean up when refreshments do start up again? Please see Kammy in the office to offer your help.

For leaders and coordinators of ministry efforts, please help secure the facilities after using any rooms. If you are the last one in a room, please secure the doors so as not to assume someone else will do it. If the door cannot be secured, please contact the church office at 808-261-0125 before leaving. We appreciate everyone being attentive in keeping our place of worship safe and secure, Mahalo.

ALTAR FLOWERS **SIGN UP**

We are starting up our floral sign up for Sunday morning worship and welcome all to sign up for a specific Sunday to provide flowers for use during the service. We are seeking a coordinator to facilitate the calendar and help remind the donors when it's their turn. If you would like to make an acknowledgement regarding the day of your sign up, such as; in remembrance of, or honoring a special birthday or anniversary, please note when signing up and we can state that. Mahalo for your support for this ministry.



Sharing Your Time & Talents!

After the pandemic shutdown, there are a few areas around the church that could use some TLC. If you are led to help with a short term project or commit to a ministry effort longer term, please call the church office for more details as to how you can help. For youth needing to do community service for school credit, we can accommodate a time that would be convenient for you to serve.

For those with green thumbs, we could use your help immediately. For those who like to paint, we welcome your skills, and those with creative and artistic gifts, there are areas to decorate and enhance in numerous areas around the facilities. For those who just have lots of time and willing hands, we invite you to call and discuss some ideas of using your gifts to God's glory!

MISSING YOU! **KCC Ohana come by for a visit!**



Kale, Emily and Manuwai Peters

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**“EVERLASTING” ENCORE
HAWAIIAN ISLAND MINISTRIES (HIM)
2022 Conference - March 24-26, 2022.**

The HIM 2022 video library is open to everyone through April 25.

We were incredibly blessed by God at HIM 2022 last month (Mar 24-26). Here's what attendees said:

*Life-changing.
I'm totally rejuvenated.
Much needed.
I felt like royalty.*

So they decided: let's pass on the blessings and share the video library with those who didn't come. The Youth Sessions and Deeper Sessions will not be available but It's an open invitation to you and your friends to watch the General Sessions and workshops at your leisure through April 25th. Please accept it.

Go to <https://watch.him2022.org/>
create a HIM 2022 log-in and start watching.
There is no cost involved.

May you be blessed,

dan & pam chun

For everyone at HIM

HOLY WEEK begins on Palm Sunday,
Sunday, April 10, 2022;

Maundy Thursday is April 14, 2022

Good Friday is April 15, 2022

Holy Saturday is April 16, 2022 (Passover begins)

Easter Sunday is April 17, 2022 10:00 a.m.
Join us in person or on zoom for our Worship Celebration of Resurrection Joy!

We plan to have our Floral cross displayed in worship on Easter morning. We invite you to bring your favorite flowers to attach to our floral cross **during** the worship service. Helpers will be available to help secure the flowers onto the cross following the message.

**HAPPY
EASTER!**



Pictures will be taken at the cross after the worship service. Gather by the cross if you would like a family/other picture.