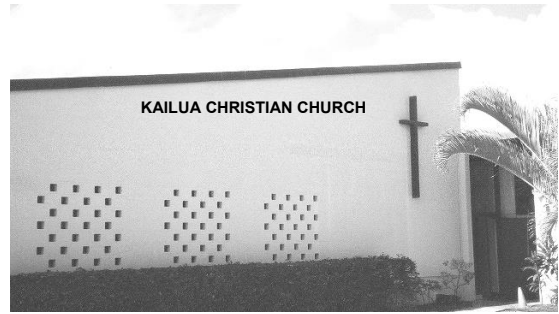


# Waves of Faith

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*Dear family and friends of Kailua Christian Church, UCC.*

*“There is a time for everything,  
and a season for every activity*

*under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,...”*  
*11 He has made everything beautiful in its time....” Ecclesiastes 3:1-2*

*This has been one of the most difficult and rewarding years of my life. You have been such kind and faithful companions in my family’s life and with me most personally. I had no way of knowing what would come of this year as it slowly unfolded through the passing of Bev, followed by my Dad and Step Mom. My desire and joy of being with you, serving alongside and finding God’s guidance together continues to move and inspire me.*

*For me to come to hear and surrender to God’s call to step down and venture into the unknown of allowing Him to care for me is beyond much of my imagination. I am learning that God is not limited by what I am use to or familiar with. God is continually revealing new ways for me to become more of the person He created me to be. He has not grown weary or defeated by my slowness to change and even resistance to grow. His generous grace gives me desire to surrender to His will and way in deep gratitude. In my weakness His goodness is made known. I am so thankful for His faithfulness. I pray you are finding this as well.*

*You have continually lifted me up in my moments of tremendous sadness and grief. Your kindness and steady care have helped me come to see the beauty of each day giving birth to some new life.*

*I deeply wish I could be with you longer and shepherd alongside with you into the hope and promise of new life God has for you each and for KCC as His family. I know you will continue in fresh ways to grow and serve God’s purposes of His redeeming love in this world. I know you are in God’s always faithful hands in each day He gives birth to, for you.*

*Our lives are full of many different and real experiences. Ecclesiastes has a whole chapter laying out how life is full of both painful and positive moments. God really understands. More than that, God has the tremendous heart, will and capacity to bring great good out of any moment, even our darkest ones, to make our lives even beautiful.*

*I hold you in my heart and prayers daily. With much joy and gratitude, much hope and excitement to see the beautiful new life come to you and through you.*

*“A hui hou kakou”, “Until we meet again.” by God’s enduring grace.*

*Much love,*

*Pastor Dale*



## **MODERATOR'S NOTES**

The following are edited excerpts from Father Gregory Boyle's book called Tattoos on the Heart in the chapter called "Compassion". He is a Jesuit priest and the founder and executive director of Homeboy Industries, a gang intervention program in Los Angeles. I am inspired by him.

Sympathy is the feeling we have when we acknowledge that someone has suffered a loss.

Empathy is the feeling we have when we recognize and feel the same pain as someone who has suffered a loss because we suffered a similar loss.

Compassion is different. It is who God is. God is compassionate, loving kindness. It is not a fleeting emotion rising to the surface like sympathy, empathy, eros or anger. It is full throttled from the deepest parts of our being. If we long to be in the world who God is, then, our compassion must find a way to vastness. Jesus says that we should not only love those who love us, but to love the enemy and find some spaciousness for the victimizer as well as the victim. This resembles the more expansive compassion of God.

Compassion is how Jesus was moved, from the entirety of his being. He was "moved with pity" when he saw folks who seemed like "sheep without a shepherd." He had room for everybody in his compassion.

The "sinner" or "outcast" was a social grouping of people who felt wholly unacceptable. The world had deemed them disgraceful and shameful. Jesus' strategy for the outcast is a simple one: He ate with them. Eating with outcasts rendered them acceptable.

Compassion isn't just about feeling the pain of others; it's about bringing them toward yourself. If we love what God loves, then, in

compassion, margins get erased. "Be compassionate as God is compassionate," means the dismantling of barriers that exclude.

Compassion is not a relationship between the healer and the wounded. It is a covenant between equals.

Compassion is always, at its most authentic, about a shift from the cramped world of self-preoccupation into a more expansive place of fellowship, of true kinship.

Compassion is God. All we are asked to do is to be in the world who God is. Outcast. Victim and victimizer. Sheep without a shepherd. Just assume the answer to every question is compassion.

Love, Aloha & Agape, Paul Grable



## **DEACONS CORNER**



### ***The Meaning of Love***

*For many years professionals such as counselors, doctors, teachers, and therapists ponder the meaning of "love".*

*When my mother was unable to bend over and paint her toenails in her later years, my father did it for her, even though, he had his difficulties at age 86, Is that "love"? Have you told a woman you "loved" her necklace or dress. Then she wears it every day. Mom would give dad the choice piece of turkey. Your dog jumps on your lap and scurries about when you left him at home all day...*

*Say "I love you" a lot and mean it., People tend to forget. Action should correspond with what you say. Apostle John says you should demonstrate your love to other people with truth and actions. Think of someone who needs to hear you say, "I love you". Better yet, show your love by doing*

*things. Apostle John in 3:11 says “we should love one another”. Show them your love today!*

*“We can pour out our love on others because God has poured out His love on us”.*

*This article was inspired by: “What Does Love Mean?” from Daily Grace devotional reflections to nourish your soul.*

*Alice Inoue, in her article, A Mindful Moment, “I’m Here for You” says we want to say something comforting yet often end up not really helping. Saying “It will be okay” or “You’re going to be fine” denies the painful outcome your friend is fearing. Saying “I know how you feel” is not helpful either, since you really don’t. “Everything happens for a reason” is also not appropriate. What to say instead? Something like, “I’m here for you” or “How can I help? Shows solid support.*

*John 3:18 Little children, let us stop just saying we love people; let us really love them, and show it by our actions.*

*Remember Mother’s Day and Father’s Day in May and June. Are you able to say the right thing?*

*Deacon, Winchell Lee*



## **PRAYERS & PRAISES**

Please keep in your prayers



- ~ Nancy Arakaki continued back pain
- ~ Debbie Fong ~ Dot Suzuki
- ~ Reggie Yamada ~ Myra’s cooking skills
- ~ John Sakamoto’s son-in-law, Tony Sarabia and Tony’s wife, Coreen (John’s daughter).
- ~ Gary & Susan Morita and health challenges
- ~ 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 the 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.
- ~ Pray for Putin to find Jesus and stop this war.
- ~ The progress of finding the pastor God has in store for us. Praying for our future as KCC.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Linda Umetsu  
Mae Takahashi  
Bert Yoshioka  
Cera Soma  
Betty Ota  
Stanley Nakamura  
Lia Lau  
Walter Yeda  
Lily Lee  
Reid Umetsu  
Pua Todd  
Allen Shiroma  
Matthew Chang  
Kimberly Terada



Lara Higashi  
Mason Maeshiro  
Sherilyn Oga  
Ken Nakamatsu  
Winchell Lee  
Daniel Tamashiro  
Logan Gerber



Bert & Judy Yoshioka  
Richard & Florence Miyashiro  
Randy & Cindy Imai

## WORSHIP NEWS

We have made the transition from on-line worship via Zoom only to in-person worship services with Zoom access. It has not been smooth or easy and has involved a lot of work by the Worship Team, especially the audio-visual (AV) people.

Starting in May 2022 we will be having guest speakers come and share sermons and serve in other worship leadership roles.

The current Worship Team consists of the following volunteers: Gail Yoneshige, Nani Oda and June Cunningham have been serving as pianists providing live music; John Sakamoto continues to be our attendance coordinator; Andrew Vallejo-Sanderson and Debbie Fong are now heading up the technical aspects of our audio visual and computer assisted communications; Barney Pilla is continuing to handle the audio amplification and lighting for our in-person worship, including providing hearing aid amplification to those that are hard of hearing; Alan Yoneshige and Dennis Fong are now acting as cameramen to broadcast in-person video images to our Zoom congregation; Kammy Grable continues to prepare the Power-Point slides and the words for the music the Zoom invitations and is sending us the Scripture and Sermon notes and questions; Paul Grable and Bridget Tapper have started leading the singing in the sanctuary; Jenny Lee, 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.

We are still encouraging everyone to engage in social distancing and wear masks in the buildings, but we are not requiring this nor enforcing it other than to encourage everyone to be respectful of each other especially our elderly kupuna.

A special thanks goes out to Pastor Dale for leading us over the past year and a third. His leadership, example, loving kindness, sermons, prayers and jokes, among other things, will be missed.

A special thanks also goes out to Aaron Tanaka who has guided the Worship Team throughout the

pandemic and provided his AV and AI computer skills during worship for the past two years. That was a lot of good hard skilled work.

Reggie Yamada had also been very involved in several aspects of the Worship Team including the AV but has taken some time off to heal from a heart related problem. Thank you, Reggie, and take good care of yourself.

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)

Saturday, May 28; 10:00-11:30 am 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

*Sign up with Myra if you are interested.* Zoom log-on details and handouts will be sent in your confirmation email. An email reminder (with links) will be sent by 5/26 to those who sign up early.

If you decide to sign up on day of training, here are three links (in case one does not work with your internet settings) Nicolas has created for you.

<https://tinyurl.com/NaAnelaMay28>

[Click here to join Alzheimer Association Presentation on 5/28](#)

If both of those options don't work, you can use the Zoom link below. Zoom automatically makes their links so long, but if all else fails, you can use this link.

<https://alz-org.zoom.us/j/92741686009?pwd=cXNLcnFVbUN5MlAxemk4V3pZYllsQT09>



For anyone who needs the manual Zoom meeting information, the Meeting ID and Passcode are below.

**Meeting ID: 927 4168 6009**

**Passcode: naanela**

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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](http://www.aarp.org/hi), by clicking on **UPCOMING EVENTS**. Scroll to classes that interest you. Click on the **Join the Webinar** or **REGISTER** link.

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

Register for Chef Daniel Swift's four May 2022 Zoom cooking classes via WCC's Uala Leaf Café at <https://aarp.cvent.com/HIcooking>.

May 05: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Meat Jun

May 12: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Thai Red Curry with Vegetables

May 19: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Pressure Cooker Chicken Tikka Masala

May 26: Thu, 5 – 5:45 pm; Three Foundation Sauces

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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://mail-chi.mp/stfrancishawaii/may-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](mailto: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.

May 02 - 31: Mon & Wed, 5:15 – 6:30 pm; Zumba by Frances (in-person; no class on 5/18/22)

May 02 - 23: Mon, 8 – 9 am; Big Moves! Monday

May 03 – 31: Tue, 9 – 10 am; Body&Brain Tai Chi

May 06 - 27: Fri, 6 – 6:30 pm; Boxing Fundamentals

May 07 - 28: Sat, 8 - 9 am; Zumba Gold by Frances (in-person)

May 14: Sat, 9 – 10:30 am; Career Changes to Take Care of Elders

May 18: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Blood Pressure & Stroke Prevention

May 21: Sat, 9 – 10:30 am; Resolving Conflict Without Blame

May 25: Wed, 5 – 6:30 pm; Parkinson's Upclose & Personal

May 27: Fri, 10 am – 12 pm; Preventing and Identifying Strokes, Spinal Cord Injuries, 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](mailto: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 our visiting Pastor for May 1, 2022**

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Mark and Dayna Blair have been engaged in global mission since 1982.

They have recently joined IDEAS, a team of Christian professionals serving in some of the most Gospel-poor areas of our world.

Mark is a graduate of Covenant College and Westminster Theological Seminary. Dayna graduated from University of Hawaii and Moody Bible Institute.

From 2009 to 2021 they pastored in Beijing International Christian Fellowship, Beijing, China.

From 1998-2009 Mark directed the Kazakhstan Evangelical Christian Seminary and pastored International Christian Fellowship in Almaty. Dayna was an administrator and teacher in Tien Shan International School where their sons graduated from high school.

From 1991-1997 Mark pastored the Haili Congregational Church in Hilo, Hawaii.

From 1983 to 1990 they served in Uganda, East Africa in evangelism and training pastors with the Church of Uganda (Anglican). Their three sons were born there.

Please continue to pray for them and their discernment to serve God back in Hawaii.



### “NAME THAT AUTHOR”

Here are the answers to quotations for *Name That Author for April*, plus two new quotations for May. For those who cannot wait a month for the author's name, contact Steff at 218-3324 or at [bonsaocats1@gmail.com](mailto:bonsaocats1@gmail.com). If members wish to submit a quotation, submit to Steff who will relay it to Kammy by the 20th of each month.

#### April Quotations:

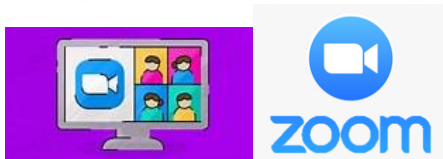
1- Praise be to the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1Peter 1:3 NIV

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. 1John 4:10 NIV

#### May Quotations:

1-The fruit of righteousness will be peace; the effect of righteousness will be quietness and confidence forever.

2- Those who know your name will trust in you, for you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.



#### Getting On Zoom

- Open a browser and access [zoom.us](https://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.

### Guest Pastors for the Month of May

As we transition in our process of finding a next Pastor, we have the opportunity to hear from Pastors who have had connections or taught classes for Bible Institute of Hawaii our ministry partner in Missions. We hope you would welcome these wonderful teachers of the Word and maybe get a idea of the great opportunities we have in considering taking a class from BIH in the near future.

Dr, James Kwong, will be here on Mother's Day Sunday, May 8, 2022.

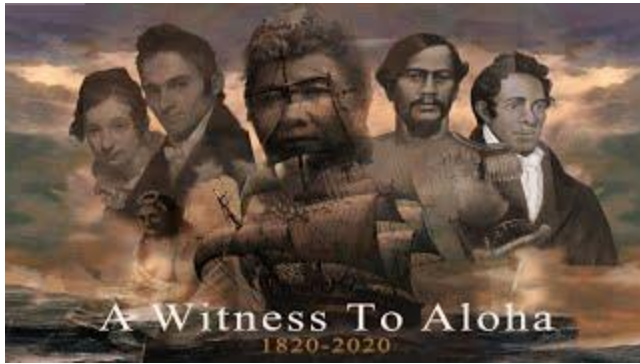
Pastor James shared with us in 2018 and we are delighted to have him come back. M.Div., Pastoral/General D.Min., Talbot School of Theology, Ministry experiences with Kalihi Union Church, Youth for Christ Hawaii (he was a great volleyball support coach that KCC Youth played with for numerous years), Chinese Baptist Church of Central Orange County, and currently works at Kaimuki Christian School. Last taught a class on covering the period of biblical history known as the United Kingdom of Israel under Saul, David, Solomon, and the Divided Kingdom of Israel and Judah.

Pastor Elijah Pierick, will share on Sunday, May 15. Pastor Elijah is currently earning his Doctor of Ministry: Pastoral Counseling from Liberty University. He also earned a Masters of Divinity: Chaplaincy Concentration, Masters of Arts in Christian Studies, and Bachelor of Arts in Christian Ministry from Pacific Rim Christian University and is currently teaching a class for BIH: Kingdom Living: How to Connect with a Kingdom Perspective.

Pastor Danny Han, shares a passion on Discipleship. He is the Associate Pastor and Director of Ministries at Kaimuki Christian Church. He was born overseas and moved to Hawaii in 1988. He and his wife Kyunghee live in Honolulu with their two children Kyle and Mina.

Join us in welcoming him on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.





**200<sup>th</sup> AHA PAE'AINA**  
**Annual Meeting of the Hawaii Conference**  
**June 17-18, 2022, Central Union Church**

**2022 'Aha Makua Information**

Location Central Union Church, 1660 S. Beretania Street, Honolulu.

Keynote This year's keynote speaker will be Dr. Jeffrey "Kapali" Lyon, Chair of the Department Speaker of Religion at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. He graduated with a BA from Biola University in both ancient Greek and Biblical literature, received a MA and PhD in Near Eastern Languages and Literatures from UCLA, and a MA in Hawaiian language and literature from the Hawaiian Language College at the University of Hawai'i, Hilo. In recent years, Dr. Lyon's research has focused on the first Christian missions to Hawai'i, early Hawaiian Christianity, translations of the Bible into Eastern Polynesian languages, and 19th century Hawaiian language accounts of pre-Christian Hawaiian culture and religion.. A major agent of change was the missionaries who came to Hawai'i in April 1820 to spread the Gospel, and in the process, the islands were forever changed. Nearly everyone who spends much time in Hawai'i soon forms an opinion about "the missionaries" who, as many accounts have it, cajoled, browbeat, and, eventually, converted an entire "heathen" nation to Protestant Christianity. But how could a handful of overdressed New Englanders who, when they first arrived, did not know the native language or culture, convince an entire nation to put on more clothes, adopt western views of sin and sexuality, and replace their traditional Polynesian religion for that of Boston? Could there be more to the story?

Fees for event is \$160 if registered before May 11<sup>th</sup>. Between May 16 – May 27, add \$30 more. Fee includes meals.

KCC has one voting delegate that is duly elected by our Council to represent us for the business details for participating. Mahalo!

We encourage you to find this wonderful and informative 1 hr. documentary on YouTube to appreciate the history and beginnings of Christianity in Hawaii over 200 years ago. [A Witness to Aloha \(2020\) | Full Documentary | Doug Koehn | Joanne Kurata | Dennis James Lee - YouTube.](#)

**A Gathering of the Church!**  
**Spring 'Aha Mokupuni of the**  
**O'ahu Association, UCC**

Date: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Place: Via Zoom

Worship and Celebration The Ordination and Installation of Irene Willis Hassan, United Church of Christ Minister for Refugee and Migration Services

Information and Deliberation A Conversation on Ministry

Connection and Support Prayers and Praise An ongoing HCucc discussion on the future of our churches Where two of three are gathered in my name...

We eagerly anticipate the participation of our O'ahu faith communities! A registration fee of \$10 per person will benefit both the O'ahu Association Scholarship Fund and UCC Ukraine Emergency Appeal. For registration information contact: Vivian Maunakea at [vmaunakea@hcucc.org](mailto:vmaunakea@hcucc.org) or 808-791-5622 or call the KCC church office at 808-261-0125 by the 11<sup>th</sup> of May.



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