



# St. Peter's Episcopal Church

...a faith community in the heart of downtown Honolulu

**A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!**

**August 2018**

## From the Rector

*30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.*

*53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.*

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56



The scripture above was our gospel Lectionary reading for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost. I call it the “paparazzi” Lectionary story. I mean, really, Jesus *can not* get a break! We are in the 6th chapter of Mark and the chapters prior have been filled with activity—teaching, healing, tending to all sorts of needs that people brought before Jesus. Word was spreading so quickly about this Jesus

and the needs were so many, that Jesus even sent the twelve disciples out two by two, with authority to cast out demons and heal the sick. Now they had returned to Jesus, eager to inform Jesus of all that they had done and taught. I can imagine that scene. I am the oldest of seven children, and I know what it is like when seven children are eagerly trying to talk at the same time, telling mom about something exciting that has happened. And the disciples certainly must have been excited, for that authority Jesus had given them really had worked, and they had been successful in casting out demons and healing the sick—pretty “heady” stuff for guys who prior to meeting Jesus had spent their days fishing. But as all this tumbled out of the disciples, Jesus response was this: “Come away

to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” He realized, whether they did yet or not, that after the high wore off, they were going to be bone-weary tired and that it is not possible to keep giving of yourself without resting and re-centering.

So they got into a boat and headed away to a deserted place. How peaceful it must have been to be out on that water. Maybe some were even beginning to feel the weight of sleep pulling at their eyelids. But then as they neared the shore, it was not the deserted place they were anticipating, but rather there stood a great crowd eagerly awaiting them, pushing to get close to the water’s edge.

When Jesus and the disciples had gotten into the boat, the word had spread and people had hurried on foot from towns all over, arriving ahead of them. Talk about a coconut wireless. Who needed cell phones? What must those disciples have thought? Oh no, quick can we go somewhere else? How do we lose these people? The paparazzi were everywhere.

But Jesus didn’t think that way. As tired and as in need of rest as he must have felt, too, he saw in that crowd their vulnerability, their tremendous needs, their lost and aimless lives—like sheep without a shepherd—and he had compassion upon them.

Now at this point, if you are an astute reader of the gospel reading above, you may be thinking, “Wait a minute; something isn’t quite right here,” because it says that Jesus went ashore and began teaching many things, but the very next sentence says, “When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat.” Now when did they get back *in* the boat? It’s a good question because if you notice there is a section of the gospel that is missing in this Lectionary selection.

Between those two paragraphs, Jesus spent all day teaching that great crowd of people until it was evening and then he fed them—all 5,000 of them with five loaves of bread and two fish. Yes, it’s the famous feeding of the 5,000 story. And then, after he had satisfied their hunger—spiritual and physical—he dismissed them, sent the disciples out in the boat to go to the other side ahead of him, and he went up the mountain to pray. It was time. He needed that. Coming back down early that next morning, he walked across that water, and easily re-joined his disciples in that boat with no small measure of astonishment on their parts.

Now they once again reach the shore, moor the boat, and in no time, once again, the coconut wireless kicked up into high gear and soon the crowds were coming from all over bringing their sick to be healed by Jesus. And Jesus reached out with compassion, and wherever he went, those who came to Jesus were healed. Jesus responded with compassion and patience to the pressing needs of those around him. And that is the way he taught his disciples, and that is the way Jesus not only responds to us but teaches us to be.

Lately, I have been hearing a lot about a new movie that’s out—the movie about Mr. Rogers called, what else?—*Won't You Be My Neighbor?* Now I have a confession to make. I’m almost afraid to say this, but I never really liked Mr. Roger’s show. He talked so slow. He moved slow, too. Coming through that door, putting on that cardigan and changing his shoes. Even the theme song was slow. He almost seemed saccharin nice; he never got mad. And that hand puppet stuff and make believe land with that trolley?—well, it seemed almost silly. So, with all the recent accolades about the Mr. Roger’s movie, I was rather relieved to hear one critic make the comment that the show didn’t

always work for kids, mostly kids over seven. That show began in 1968 when I would have been eight, so perhaps that was why the show didn’t grab me when I was young or maybe it was just me, but, of course, as an adult, as I looked back at the show and as I grew to learn more about who Fred Rogers was as a person and heard his speeches before the Senate and at commencement ceremonies, I came to appreciate him very much indeed.

Fred Rogers was not only ahead of his time in realizing the potential reach of television—for both good and bad—but he was courageous in the way he addressed the tragedies that impacted our society, like assassinations and 9/11. Following 9/11, in that time of deep shock and gripping sorrow, he knew that children, too, were feeling the impact of that fear and collective grief. He didn’t try to explain the inexplicable; rather, he told the children to do as his mother had taught him, “In these times, look for the helpers. There are always the helpers.”

And, Mr. Rogers was absolutely radical in the way he addressed controversial issues of the day—divorce, racial tolerance, bullying—not through confrontation but with kindness and empathy. At a time, in our nation when people were refusing to swim in public pools with those of other races, Mr. Rogers’ neighborhood acquired an African-American Chief of Police, and in one episode, on a hot day, he stopped by to visit Mr. Rogers who was bathing his feet in cool water. Mr. Rogers invited the Chief of Police to bathe his hot feet in the same cool water and when the Chief of Police said he had no towel with which to dry his feet, Mr. Rogers said, “That’s OK. You can share mine.” Ingenious, really. And isn’t that exactly what Jesus would do?—Fred Rogers knew that because he was not just the host of a TV show but a Presbyterian minister. “Love,” Mr. Rogers said, “is at the root of everything...or the lack of it.” “The greatest thing we can do,” he said, “is to let someone know that they are loved and that they are capable of loving.”

Those of you who have seen this movie tell me that it is *not* a movie to be missed. I leave on vacation this week—It’s my turn to go to a deserted place by myself—sort of—to rest for a while. I’ll be with

my son and his family and will be doing child care for my seven year old granddaughter. We'll go to the library, pick some blueberries that are in season, take some nature hikes, and go to see the movie *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* In this time when our culture seems so caustic and judgmental, so fearful and unforgiving, so distrusting and harsh toward one another, I look forward to an example of a man who not only tried to live his own life following in the way of Jesus—the Good Shepherd, the one who breaks down the walls that divide us—but who dedicated his life to teaching our children the way of compassion, empathy, and, yes, patience.

*Pastor Diane*

### Thoughts from Jenna and Sela and the Youth Conference

*From Jenna Matsumoto:*

One thing that really surprised me on the trip was on interactive learning day when we were taken through the experiences that foreign immigrants have to go through everyday. It's hard for me to believe that some people have to go through the pain and suffering everyday just to have the life that I have right now. We take our lives for granted sometime, and we need to remember that some people are willing to die for what we have.

Something significant I got from the gathering is that whenever there is something wrong there is always someone who went through that same experience that is there for you. I saw God in all the amazing people we met that welcomed us into their group and were just so kind to us. I remember that, in general, God is always there for you and even if something bad happens to you or you're mad at him for whatever reason he will always love you and protect you.

I feel that I gained so many experiences while being on the trip like being able to meet all these amazing people and got to become close with them. Another thing that I feel I gained is my connection to God and my understandings of what he does and for what reasons. The last thing that I experienced is an overall good time. You become so much closer and more comfortable with the people you go with and become really good friends that

probably wouldn't happen if you were just staying at home. It's an amazing experience that I believe really changes your perspective of life and God.



*From Sela Kimura:*

I was surprised and impacted by the amount of people who spoke and had

medical problems. I saw God in one of the girls we met from Indiana because she always was kind and happy to hangout with us. God is always with you and is doing everything for a purpose. I thank the congregation for this experience and encourage other teens to experience these Youth Gatherings because you get to see how others see God and you get to meet new people from all around the country.

*Pictured above: L-R: Sela Kimura, Jenna Matsumoto*

### Book Group

Join us through the month of August as we read through *Just Mercy, A Story of Justice and Redemption*, by Bryan Stevenson. Stevenson works out of Alabama as a lawyer, helping to defend those on death row. He believes that you are always more than the worst things you have done - you may have lied, but you are more than a liar; you may have stolen, but you are more than a thief; you may have killed but you are more than a killer.

During the discussion after each service, we will delve into themes of mercy, justice, compassion, and hope as we read the moving stories in this book. To participate in the group, speak to Rev. Jazzy.

### **FACE: Faith Action for Community Equity**

On August 26th, at noon, in the Parish Hall, Christy MacPherson, the Executive Director of Faith Action for Community Equity (FACE), will join us to talk about her ministry and ways in which St. Peter's might become involved. Hosted by the Nurture and Outreach Committee, this meeting will discuss issues such as affordable housing and immigration reform. We hope to see you there!





### Prison Ministry Seeking Support and Donations for Hawaiian Bible Study Program

In recent years, the Diocese of Hawai'i has become heavily engaged in a Prison Ministry at our correctional centers that has grown and continues to flourish. The program, which involves a deep connection to Hawaiian cultural practices, is interwoven with a Hawaiian Bible (Baibala) Study Program.

The Rev. Kaleo Patterson, who has been instrumental in building this ministry, is seeking to obtain Hawaiian Bibles for the Baibala Bible Study Project at the Halawa and Waiawa Community Correctional Centers. "These Bibles are very popular in prisons and encourage the study of God's Word," said Patterson in an e-mail. "It is a bright light and a lamp to the path and the feet."

The Bibles, that normally retail for \$45, are being provided to the program by Mutual Publishing on O'ahu for only \$13.75. The goal is to provide 100 Bibles in 2018. If you would like to help with the purchase of a Baibala, please make your check out directly to Mutual Publishing, and mail it to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 1679 California Avenue, Wahiawa, HI 96786.

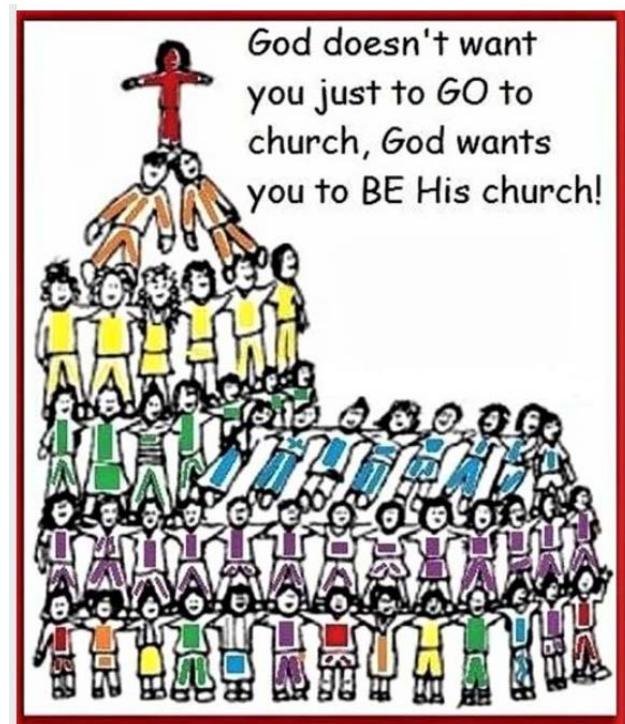
### How Can We Support Future Ministry?

All of us have a favorite aspect of our parish. For some, it may be joy of singing in the choir. For others, it may be the satisfaction of teaching in Sunday School or serving food in the soup kitchen. Some may especially love the beautiful stained glass windows. All of these elements are valuable to the parish and part of what makes that parish family unique. Naturally, then, parishioners may want to consider ways to ensure that these beloved ministries or features are available not only now, but well into the future of the parish.

Potential donors may be concerned that they do not have the means to give right now. One option to consider is a planned gift, such as bequest or life-income gift. A bequest to the soup kitchen could ensure that many more meals are prepared for the hungry. A life-income gift benefiting the organ fund, which provides income to the donor during

his or her lifetime, and a gift to the church at death, could ensure that beautiful music will always be played in the parish. Each of these ministries provides an opportunity for donors and a planned gift is a way to make the most of that chance.

For information about making a planned gift to St. Peter's, please contact the church office.



### Mark your calendars!

**Movie Night hosted by Preston and Mary Ann Lentz**

**Friday, August 24**

**Featured Film: *The Shack***

Might God be a pudgy baker? And, if so, are the biscuits "heavenly"? Did the Holy Spirit "sparkle" at Punahou? Join us on Friday night, August 24, to find out. Preston and Mary Ann Lentz will be hosting a showing of "The Shack" and serving biscuits made from scratch. Assorted Jams and Jellies will be on the menu as well.



Potluck: 5:30 pm. The "screen will go up" at 6:15pm. Bring an open and inquiring mind, a pot to share and a open and hungry opu.

## Enjoy the Jazz Artists All Week Long.

St. Peter's is blessed to have a variety of excellent jazz musicians on Thursday evenings: Reggie Padilla on tenor sax and band leader, Dan Del Negro on piano, Jon Hawes on bass, and Starr Kalahiki, vocalist as well as a cadre of excellent musicians who stand in when one of the regulars is on tour or at another gig.

If you love the music of our Jazz artists, you can continue to listen from the comfort of your home. Music CDs are available featuring Reggie (<http://reggiepadilla.com/>), Dan (<http://www.dandelnegro.com/>), Starr (<https://www.amazon.com/Salt-Starr-Kalahiki/dp/B01K8MU6NA>). Recently Jason Gay, tenor and soprano saxophone jazz musician has been with us. Jason's new release entitled *Dynasty* features Chinese folk songs with a jazz interpretation along with traditional instrumentation such as the erhu. To get *Dynasty* contact Jason at [jgay85@gmail.com](mailto:jgay85@gmail.com).

Embracing our  
COMMUNITY

**Meal Coordinator and Volunteers, 3rd Thursday of the month, 10am to 12 noon** - An exciting new

ministry will begin in the neighborhood on August 16th through a partnership with Harris United Methodist Church and the Nuuanu YMCA. A satellite hub of services, including the new Hie Hie shower van, will be offered to the homeless residents in the community. The location is Harris United Methodist Church; St. Peter's has been asked to provide the meal.

This satellite hub of services will be coordinated by IHS (Institute for Human Services) and will be modeled on the successful IHS satellite hub offered at St. Mary's Episcopal Church in partnership with Good Samaritan Episcopal Church and St. Luke's Episcopal Church. A meal coordinator and volunteers are needed to prepare the meal once a month. Please speak with Elizabeth Winternitz, Pastor Diane, or Rev. Jazzy to see how you can help.

## About The 79th General Convention Austin, Texas - July 5-13, 2018

*Mimi Wu, Diocesan General Convention Deputy*

Every three years, The Episcopal Church's General Convention is held to consider the legislative business of the Church. General Convention is the bicameral governing body of the Church, comprised of the House of Bishops, with upwards of 300 active and retired bishops, and the House of Deputies, with more than 800 members of clergy and lay deputies elected from the dioceses of the Church.

The work of General Convention includes adopting legislation of concern to the Church, amending the Book of Common Prayer, the Constitution, and the Canons of the Church, adopting a triennial budget for The Episcopal Church, and electing candidates to offices, boards and other committees.

The Bishops and Deputies at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church acted on a



record number of resolutions on key issues such as immigration, prayer book

revision, peace and justice in the Middle East, and readmitting the Episcopal Church of Cuba as a diocese. Convention also passed a \$134 million budget in support of the mission and ministry of the Church.

Between Conventions, the General Convention continues to work through its committees and commissions. The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church carries out the programs and policies adopted by General Convention.

Follow Rev. Jazzy's Blog at *Curate's Connections: Stories from my first call, what I am learning about ministry, and what God might be up to in my life and the life of this church.*

<https://reverendjazzy.wordpress.com/>

## Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network Opportunities

**LEVN** LEVN, the Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network, is recruiting young adults (age 21-30) with Bachelor's degrees for an 11-month program of non-profit volunteer service and learning about social justice. From the end of August 2018 to the end of July 2019, LEVIN corps members are provided housing, utilities, health coverage, transportation, spiritual direction, and a \$400/month food stipend. There is also \$1,000 re-entry grant at the completion of the program.

The placement sites for the upcoming program year include faith-based non-profits, secular non-profits, congregations, the Sierra Pacific Synod office, and campus ministry at UC Davis. These service sites address issues of homelessness, unemployment, children and youth ministries, computer literacy, and other important social justice issues facing our communities.

Volunteers gather each week for worship, dinner, and formation. The corps members live in intentional community in a triplex in Sacramento, California. LEVIN is an ecumenical program in

the Episcopal Service Corps network; applicants need not be either Lutheran or Episcopal to apply—interest in Christian spirituality is the only expectation. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until the program begins.

Visit [levn.org](http://levn.org) or contact Program Director Casey Dunsworth at [530.756.1550](tel:530.756.1550) or [programs@thebelfry.org](mailto:programs@thebelfry.org) for more information!



## Episcopal Church Women (ECW) Meeting

The next ECW meeting is Saturday, August 11th at Good Samaritan Parish Hall.

9am - Meet & Greet with Coffee  
 915am - Morning Devotions  
 930am - Business Meeting  
 1030am - ECW Triennial Sharing  
 Doxology  
 11am - Lunch

The Women of Epiphany are hosting and providing lunch. Please call Louise at 264-9830 or Laurie at 779-7968 for luncheon reservations.

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