

JUNE 2020

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

8AM, SUNDAY JUNE 7TH
~ ONLINE ONLY ~

Go to stpetershonolulu.org
or our [Facebook Page](#) to watch
our Sunday Morning Service.
Services available on demand
through the week.



7:30AM & 10:00AM
SUNDAY JUNE 14TH

~ ONLINE AND IN-PERSON ~

RSVP for "in person" worship
by email to Pastor Diane or
Rev. Jazzy or by calling
the church office.

Starting June 14th: Worshiping at Home and at St. Peter's

Limited "in person" worship will begin June 14th as well as live streaming from the sanctuary. While we all look forward to the day when we can safely worship together again, until there is a vaccine or COVID-19 is no longer a threat, we do not want people to feel they must attend "in person" to participate in worship. We are one community whether we are gathered in the same space or worshiping in our homes, and God loves us wherever we are! First and foremost is health and safety.

For those who do choose to attend "in person" worship, there will be some significant changes per the CDC guidelines as well as guidelines of the Worship Committee and Bishop of this Diocese.

Here are some of the things to expect:

- Face coverings are to be worn at all times while on the church grounds and in the sanctuary
- 6 foot distance to be maintained at all times in the parking lot and in the sanctuary
- Seating in the sanctuary will be numbered and assigned (every other pew and on the ends only; limited capacity) Reserve your spot in advance for either the 7:30am or 10:00am service by emailing, pastordianem@gmail.com or revjazzybostock@gmail.com, or by calling the church office, 533-1943.

When you arrive:

There will be a table at the side entrance and the front entrance. There you will receive your bulletin, a seating chart, and a squirt of hand sanitizer. If you forget your face covering, you will be given one. Everyone is asked to wash their hands before they come to worship but also to take a squirt of hand sanitizer. Our hands touch the pews which will need to be wiped down after each service.

Changes in how we worship:

- No singing or spoken responses (High incidence of spread of the virus)
- No kneeling, no passing of the peace
- Offering bowls will be placed at each door and remain there. You may drop in your offering.
- The services will be kept under an hour. Duration of time increases virus transmission.
- Communion, when it is served, will only be the wafer (Doctrine of Concomitance, "one kind only") and will be served in the pew by the priests only. Those who wish to receive will put out their palm and the wafer will be dropped into the palm without hand to hand touch. Everyone will hold the wafer until all have received and then be instructed to eat it together by removing just a corner of the face covering.
- No coffee hours following the services.

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Rev. Jazzy's Curacy

Some of you remembered that Rev. Jazzy's curacy arrangement with the Diocese was scheduled to end June 15th and have asked about that. Have no fear! At the May vestry meeting, the vestry passed a revised budget submitted by the Finance Ministry Area to retain Jazzy through the end of the year or until a call comes her way for a solo position as priest-in-charge of a parish. Although this is a challenging year in terms of the budget, the church was fortunate to receive a PPP loan (which becomes a grant when used for payroll and utilities) and it has reserves it can tap if needed. Not only is Rev. Jazzy loved by this community, but she has been providing extraordinary spiritual support during this time of COVID-19 through her online offerings of weekday Morning Prayer, a weekly Children's book reading, and a Daily Devotion by email. We are fortunate to be a church of the diocese in a position to extend her time at St. Peter's beyond the diocesan agreement, and we are blessed by her presence.

Senior Warden Corner: Highlights of the April & May 2020 Vestry Meetings By Velma Lee

Congratulations to the Rev. Deacon Jenn Latham who graduated from the Church Divinity School of the Pacific!

Congratulations to the following students who graduated from their high schools!

- ❖ Christy Kwok from St. Andrew's Priory, daughter of Sharleen and Bert Kwok, granddaughter of Eunice Wong
- ❖ "Miles" Maile Latham from Grinnell High School in Iowa, daughter of Michael and Jenn Latham
- ❖ Willy Rowe from Maryknoll, grandson of Nancy and Chan Rowe
- ❖ ArielleLei Ribao Formoso from McKinley High School, hanai granddaughter of Ruth Merz

In response to rent abatement requests, the following motions were unanimously approved by the Vestry:

- St. Peter's offered Watabe a 50% rent and GET abatement for April and May 2020.
- 100% abatement for April and May 2020 to Queen Emma Dance Studio, Jazzercise, and the Tokaikolo Congregation.

Also approved,

- The bracket installation in the bell tower will be completed by Jim Harvey, following the receipt of an indemnification waiver and certificate of insurance.

The vestry accepted the revised budget that was prepared by the Finance Committee (Nancy Rowe, Bill McKinney, Bryan Matsumoto, Kyle Saito, and Jaime Yamane). They are anticipating a 16% decrease in income for the year, and will make other revisions as the need arises.

Pastor Diane, Rev. Jazzy and the Vestry are reviewing the guidelines for reopening of St. Peter's in June that follow the CDC, state, and city safety protocols.

Phones 6s or Newer Needed!

Are you about to upgrade your iPhone or do you have an iPhone 6s or higher around the house that you are no longer using? We need it! As we transition back into the sanctuary for limited "in person" worship, we want to continue live streaming the Sunday service for those who will be participating from home. This will be an ongoing effort while we wait for a vaccine to this virus and may continue beyond. We have discovered that not only are members who can't regularly attend participating through the online format, but we even have new people who have found us! The software program we will be using offers many options that will enhance the recording of our services through the use of iPhones. No data plan is required as the phones are used as video recorders through this software. The only requirement is that the phone be an iPhone 6s or above. If you have one you can donate, please contact Pastor Diane, Rev. Jazzy, or Manny Dayao.

Violence and Racism in this Country

As this newsletter goes to print, we are traumatized by yet another brutal killing of an African American man by a person in a position of authority sworn to protect citizens. This is a virus in our country that is even more deadly and destructive than COVID-19. Below are comments of the church by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick:

A Word to the Church from Presiding Bishop Michael Curry:

***When the Cameras are Gone, We Will Still Be Here* - May 30, 2020**

In the midst of COVID-19 and the pressure cooker of a society in turmoil, a Minnesota man named George Floyd was brutally killed. His basic human dignity was stripped by someone charged to protect our common humanity.

Perhaps the deeper pain is the fact that this was not an isolated incident. It happened to Breonna Taylor on March 13 in Kentucky. It happened to Ahmaud Arbery on February 23 in Georgia. Racial terror in this form occurred when I was a teenager growing up black in Buffalo, New York. It extends back to the lynching of Emmett Till in 1955 and well before that. It's not just our present or our history. It is part of the fabric of American life.

But we need not be paralyzed by our past or our present. We are not slaves to fate but people of faith. Our long-term commitment to racial justice and reconciliation is embedded in our identity as baptized followers of Jesus. We will still be doing it when the news cameras are long gone.

That work of racial reconciliation and justice – what we know as Becoming Beloved Community – is happening across our Episcopal Church. It is happening in Minnesota and in the Dioceses of Kentucky, Georgia and Atlanta, across America and around the world. That mission matters now more than ever, and it is work that belongs to all of us.

It must go on when racist violence and police brutality are no longer front-page news. It must go on when the work is not fashionable, and the way seems hard, and we feel utterly alone. It is the difficult labor of picking up the cross of Jesus like Simon of Cyrene, and carrying it until no one – no matter their color, no matter their class, no matter their caste – until no child of God is degraded and disrespected by anybody. That is God's dream, this is our work, and we shall not cease until God's dream is realized. Is this hopelessly naïve? No, the vision of God's dream is no idealistic utopia. It is our only real hope. And, St. Paul says, "hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). Real love is the dogged commitment to live my life in the most unselfish, even sacrificial ways; to love God, love my neighbor, love the earth and truly love myself. Perhaps most difficult in times like this, it is even love for my enemy. That is why we cannot condone violence. Violence against any person – conducted by some police officers or by some protesters – is violence against a child of God created in God's image. No, as followers of Christ, we do not condone violence. Neither do we condone our nation's collective, complicit silence in the face of injustice and violent death. The anger of so many on our streets is born out of the accumulated frustration that so few seem to care when another black, brown or native life is snuffed out. But there is another way. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a broken man lay on the side of the road. The religious leaders who passed were largely indifferent. Only the Samaritan saw the wounded stranger and acted. He provided medical care and housing. He made provision for this stranger's well-being. He helped and healed a fellow child of God. Love, as Jesus teaches, is action like this as well as attitude. It seeks the good, the well-being, and the welfare of others as well as one's self. That way of real love is the only way there is. Opening and changing hearts does not happen overnight. The Christian race is not a sprint; it is a marathon. Our prayers and our work for justice, healing and truth-telling must be unceasing. Let us recommit ourselves to following in the footsteps of Jesus, the way that leads to healing, justice and love.

RESOURCES:

Practicing the Way of Love in the midst of pandemic, uncertainty and loss:

https://episcopalchurch.org/files/wol_what_does_love_do_final.pdf

Resources to help Episcopalians to LEARN, PRAY & ACT in response to racist violence and police brutality: <https://episcopalchurch.org/responding-to-racist-violence>.

The resource set includes faithful tools for listening to and learning from communities too often ignored or suppressed, for incorporating God's vision of justice into your personal and community prayer life, and for positively and constructively engaging in advocacy and public witness.

Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick (*excerpts from a longer Bishop's Reflection on Racism, May 28, found on the diocesan webpage, www.episcopalhawaii.org*):

If we truly wish to overcome violence that is the inevitable result of racism, it cannot be with violence. It must first begin with repentance. Every Christian – every Episcopalian in the Diocese of Hawai'i – must acknowledge the sin of racism endemic in our society and in ourselves. This is just as true in Hawai'i as it is in North America. Racism has nurtured poverty and mass incarceration. It is enshrined in unequal education systems. It is our reality....

As Christians, we must each – each of us individually – recognize and own the prejudice within us. This is not a once and for all reality. It must be renewed everyday. I am reminded of the absolution in the Book of Common Prayers Daily Offices (Rite I) when the officiant pronounces the “absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit.” True repentance and amendment of life does not come all at once. It begins with me. Those of us from the dominant group (European Americans) in American society must be the first to repent and recognize consciously our own privilege and the overall benefits we have had from the racist system. Then, however, we are called to examine ourselves and our ingrained – and often unconscious -- personal prejudices that then allow racism to flourish in the society around us. This exercise, however, must be true for everyone. Prejudice and stereotypes are internally destructive for everyone. Some project onto others and complicity reinforce the racist society to protect themselves from harm. Others internalize the racism and live in the sinkhole of oppression....

My repentance demands the constant reminder that all people are good, whole and beautiful. The empowerment of the other person is not a threat or a burden. It is righteousness and justice. It is love....

I do not know if the United States can overcome the sins of racism and violence. They are deeply ingrained. If they are to be cast away, it must begin with me – and with you.

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ A prayer for “The Oppressed,” *The Book of Common Prayer*, p. 826.

Congratulations, Graduates!

My full name is Christy Anne Mei Kee Kwok and I plan on attending the University of British Columbia in the fall! I think my first semester is online but next semester I should be going up to Vancouver. I've always been a dancer and I hope to continue dance in the fall (ballet, contemporary, hip hop, all kinds!) Although I've been in my school's orchestra since middle school and continued through high school I won't be pursuing my violin interests, but I enjoyed playing and going to national competitions! I also really enjoy photography but haven't decided if want to take a course in college. My intended major of study is behavioral neuroscience because studying people and the brain greatly fascinated me and I can't wait to learn more! My graduation is postponed to July 19th and I'm really looking forward to it. Hopefully it's an in-person ceremony!



ArielleLei Ribao Formoso: (Hanai Granddaughter of Ruth D. Merz) Ruth Merz, Arielle's hanai grandmother, proudly shares this about her hanai granddaughter: Arielle was born in the Philippines and came to Hawaii at six years of age. She attended Princess Ka'iulani Elementary School, Central Middle School, and graduated from President William McKinley High School Magna Cum Laude on May 24, 2020. Like her fellow 2020 graduates, she was born in the year of the World Trade Center attacks and graduated in the year of the coronavirus. And like the rest of her resilient high school classmates, good things are hopefully bound to happen to all of them in the future.

In addition to participation in many school activities, Arielle's main love has always been athletics, including being on the volleyball teams in both elementary and middle school, and as a member of both the Junior Varsity and Varsity women's tennis teams at McKinley H.S. In May of 2019, she was honored to be one of the statewide players to earn a spot to participate in the annual Hawaii

State Tennis Tournament Championship games in Kona, Hawaii. Kapiolani Community College is Arielle's next step, with a focus on a career in the medical/health related fields. Her family & friends are very proud of her accomplishments to date, and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

William B K Rowe known as "Willie"

Willie graduated from Maryknoll High School, Class of 2020. His favorite school club was robotics which has led him to UH Manoa where he plans to pursue a degree in computer engineering. In concluding his high school career, Willie would like to remind everyone of the wise words of Steven in Steven's Universe—"If every pork chop were perfect, we wouldn't have hot dogs." Willie is the grandson of proud grandparents, Chan and Nancy Rowe.



Congratulations, Graduates Continues

Maile Rose Latham (nickname - Miles) finished her high school career at Grinnell High School, Class of 2020. The school is hoping to hold a deferred graduation ceremony in July. In high school, Miles participated in Model United Nations, Large and Individual Speech and Debate, Band, and Theater. Her senior year she was a State Thespian Officer. Miles plans on attending Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota, in the fall.



SEMINARY:

The Reverend Deacon Jennifer Briggs Latham graduated on May 23, 2020, with a Master of Divinity degree from Church Divinity School of the Pacific. Jenn has balanced her studies and many responsibilities as spouse and mother through being an accomplished marathon runner! Jenn's ordination to the priesthood is planned for later this summer. She will start a chaplain residency with Pacific Health Ministry in September.



CAMP MOKULE'IA CANCELS 2020 SUMMER CAMP PROGRAMS

Darrell Whitaker, the Executive Director of Camp Mokule'ia, announced that the Camp has made the difficult decision to cancel its 2020 Summer Camp program. The decision was reached after consultation with local health care professionals and considering information provided by the CDC, ACA (American Camp Association), Hawai'i Department of Health, and federal "Opening America Again" guidelines.

Families of campers who have already registered to participate in any of our 2020 Summer Camp programs are being contacted directly, and given the opportunity to either:

- Apply their balances to a future camp experience at Camp Mokule'ia,
- Donate all/part of their balance to the ministry of Camp Mokule'ia,
- Receive a full refund

The Camp is looking ahead to Summer 2021 and hopes to see everyone then.

**Please keep the Camp in your prayers,
June 7th is Camp Mokule'ia Sunday in
the diocese. Please send donations to:
68-729 Farrington Highway, Waialua, HI 95791**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Bernard Ching
Bert Fong
Denton Pang
Nani Ho, Rosa Dayao
Kennedy Thompson
Kwai Tin Choy,
David Stivers
Barbara Vlachos
Melvin Kau
Franklin Lum,
Bryan Matsumoto
Christy Kwok
Sheldon Tyau
Glenn Pang,
Robert Thue
Tiare Ono
Sonja Barba
Velma Lee, Muna
Richard, Doreen Yuen
Myrna Chun-Hoon

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

David & Ashlyn Thompson
Franklin & Jane Pang
The Rev. Franklin
& Norma Chun
Michael Turner
& Maile Ho-Turner

2020 Vestry

Senior Warden: Velma Lee
Junior Warden: Terry Dang
Clerk: Karin Kimura
Treasurer: Nancy Rowe
Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson
Curate: The Rev. Jazzy Bostock

Term expires in 2020: Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood

Term expires in 2021: Gail Kuroda, Bill McKinney, Stephanie Wight

Term expires in 2022: Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki

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