Ke 'Alemanaka The Parish Postings

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May 2018

From Bishop Robert Fitzpatrick

From Bishop Bob's message of April 12, 2018: "At my special request, a statement entitled "Reclaiming Jesus: A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis was distributed throughout the Diocese of Hawaii in Easter Sunday bulletins and in many congregational newsletters. This 'Confession' is signed by the Presiding Bishop and leading church leaders and theologians from across the United States and denominations. As Bishop, I fully affirm it and encourage its careful study."

Editor's note: The full 'Confession' was distributed to St. Clement's parishioners at Easter services. Shown below is the entire 'Confession' except for the six affirmations and the resulting rejections. Look for them at http://reclaimingjesus.org. Pastor Heather has signed the 'Confession' along with Bishop Bob and many leaders in the Diocese.

Reclaiming Jesus

A Confession of Faith in a Time of Crisis

We are living through perilous and polarizing times as a nation, with a dangerous crisis of moral and political leadership at the highest levels of our government and in our churches. We believe the soul of the nation and the integrity of faith are now at stake.

It is time to be followers of Jesus before anything else—nationality, political party, race, ethnicity, gender, geography. Our identity in Christ precedes every other identity. We pray that our nation will see Jesus' words in us. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

When politics undermines our theology, we must examine that politics. The church's role is to change the world through the life and love of Jesus Christ. The government's role is to serve the common good by protecting justice and peace, rewarding good behavior while restraining bag behavior (Romans 13). When that role is undermined by political leadership, faith leaders must stand up and speak out. Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said, "The church must be reminded that it is not the master or the servant of the state, but rather the conscience of the state."

It is often the duty of Christian leaders, especially elders, to speak the truth in love to our churches and to name and warn against temptations, racial and cultural captivities, false doctrines, and political idolatries—and even our complicity in them. We do so here with humility, prayer, and a deep dependency on the grace and Holy Spirit of God.

This letter comes from a retreat on Ash Wednesday, 2018. In this season of Lent, we feel deep lamentations for the state of our nation, and our own hears are filled with confession for the sins we feel called to address. The true meaning of the word repentance is to turn around. It is time to lament, confess, repent, and turn. In times of crisis, the church has historically learned to return to Jesus Christ.

Jesus is Lord. That is our foundational confession. If Jesus is Lord, then Caesar was not—nor any other political ruler since. If Jesus is Lord, no other authority is absolute. Jesus Christ, and the kingdom of God he announced, is the Christian's first loyalty, above all others. We pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10). Our faith is personal but never private, meant not only for heaven but for this earth.

The question we face is this: Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What does our loyalty to Christ, as disciples, require of this moment in our history? We believe it is time to renew our theology of public discipleship and witness. Applying what "Jesus is Lord" means today is the message we commend as elders to our churches.

What we believe leads us to what we must reject. Our "Yes" is the foundation for our "No." What we confess as our faith leads to what we confront. Therefore, we offer the following six affirmations of what we believe, and the resulting rejections of practices and policies by political leaders which dangerously corrode the soul of the nation and deeply threaten the public integrity of our faith. (See note above.) We pray that we, as followers of Jesus, will find the depth of faith to match the danger of our political crisis.

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DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE ISSUE

Friday, May 18, 2018



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Hau'olí la hanau to all Those born in May

May 1	Tahmí Brodhead	
May 2	Vana Lee	
мау з	Karen Borg	
•	Elíse Nakatsují	
May 5	Samantha Chapman	
_	Zoe Chapman	
May 8	Eva Rogers	
May 11	Rudie Schaefer V	
_	Brad Siefkes	
May 12	Jane Anderson	
May 15	Walton Shím	
May 17	Meg McManus	
	Phoeníx Lee Tuttle	
May 18	Christina Markevitch	
	Dorothy Sekí	
May 20	Helen Gary	
	Helena Ishida	
May 21	Manny Wong	
	Alex Yang	
	Andrew Yang	
May 22	Lísa Buto	
	Soane Líno, Jr.	
May 24	Dana Anderson	
	Tyler Wong	
May 28	Leslie Isaki	
May 29	Kananí Cruz	
мау 30	Jean Overstreet	

If we missed your birthday, please let the office know!

Your Help is Needed

The church needs to be cleaned during the week of April 30-May 4

If you can donate some time to wiping down pews and cleaning soot from surfaces, call the parish office and let us know when you can be here. Any time at all - day or evening - will be welcomed. Pizza will be provided for workers on Tuesday, May 1 from 5 pm on.

Mahalo Nui Loa

- ▼ To Tahmi Brodhead, Gayle Chang, Hank Chapin, Brian Crow, Keli'i deFrancia, Kandie George, Valerie Henderson, Ginny LaPierre, Adrienne and Henry Lau, Terry Ledford, Deborah Candace Love, Laura McBride, Micheline and Charlie McManus, Meleanna Meyer, Cathy Overstreet, Susan Palmore, and Joni Wong for sitting vigil with the reserved sacrament between the Maundy Thursday service and the Good Friday service. Special thanks to Sandy Souza for organizing the volunteers and making coffee available throughout the night. Each of you is to be commended for taking literally Jesus' request to "stay awake one hour and pray."
- ▼ To Scott Suzuki-Jones and Liz Baldwin for organizing the Agape supper on Maundy Thursday and to Luke and Lily Romagnoli and Marin Frank for reading the lessons during the meal.
- ▼ To Karol Nowicki and the St. Clement's Choir for helping us to "make a joyful noise unto the Lord" on Maundy Thursday and at BOTH services on Easter.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Pentecost Ministry Fair- Sunday, May 20 Between services and after the 10:15 service

Celebrate Pentecost by learning all about how the Spirit works through members of St. Clement's! Did you ever wonder what IHS or YO! House is? How about how you can get more involved with worship or the farmers market? This is your opportunity to ask questions, discern where your gifts might be calling you, or just celebrate the wonderful things that God is doing in and through the Parish of St. Clement!

~~ Submitted by Pastor Heather



- ▼ To all the Acolytes, Ushers, Greeters, Offering Counters, Lectors, Lay Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, and Eucharistic Visitors who served during the holiest weekend of the church year Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday (as well as services throughout the year).
- ▼ To Lauren Romagnoli and Gail and Scott Suzuki-Jones, our Family Ministry team, for organizing and supervising the Easter Egg Hunt for the children of St. Clement's.
- To Stan Ornellas, our sexton, and to Beth Fincke, Cecilia Fordham, and Sandy Souza, who provided palms for Palm Sunday and set up the Parish House for all the Holy Week services, including moving all the necessary accouterments between the church and parish hall and back again.
- ▼ To all **St. Clement's parishioners** for your patience and cooperation while we have worshiped in the Parish Hall during the painting project.

May Adult Discussion Group:

Prisons and efforts to reform them

Everyone is invited to join our Sunday morning discussion group 8:45-10:00 am in the Parish Hall! During the month of May we are going to be learning about our prison systems and hearing how some people are working to reform them.

May 6: Speaker: **Kat Brady**, coordinator of Community Alliance on Prisons. *See related article on page 4*.

May 13: Discussion on *The Disparate Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System*

May 27: Speaker: **Mike Town** sharing his efforts to help reform Hawaii's prisons.

Childcare during Adult Formation Hour!

Tau'eva Lino will be in the nursery starting at 8:45 am starting in May to watch children of all ages, so that parents with younger children are able to attend our Bible Workbench (Bible Study), or our Adult Discussion Group, or sing in the choir. Parents — please join us for adult conversations around topics of faith!

Do you speak/read a language other than English?

I am looking for three people in each service who could do part of the reading in another language for Pentecost, Sunday, May 20. Please let me know if you would be willing to help! Please contact Pastor Heather.

Welcome Andrew Arakawa!



From May 14 - June 25
Andrew Arakawa will be spending time at the Parish of St. Clement as a field education student learning and experiencing our life together. Currently a candidate for Holy Orders, Andrew has just finished his second year of seminary at Virginia Theological Seminary. He was graduated from the University of Hawai'i at

Mānoa and taught high school Social Studies at Kamehameha Schools. Prior to moving to Virginia, Andrew was a partner in his wife Kimberly's PR firm and served as a chaplain for Hospice of Hilo. He is a member of Holy Apostles in Hilo and was part of the Diocese of Hawaii's local formation program Wailoaihui`ia, the same program from which Mark Haworth just graduated. Andrew holds a black belt in Aikido and served as one of the instructors at his dojo in Hilo. He and Kimberly have been married for 24 years and have an 11 year old son named Liam.

Please wear your nametags whenever possible and welcome him to our 'Ohana!

Mark your calendars:

Kat Brady — May 6th, 8:45-10:00 am Prisons and Correctional System Reforms

Kat Brady will be sharing what she has witnessed and learned over two decades of advocacy. She says, "sharing good data-driven strategies to achieve the outcomes we all want is my mission. This is truly a labor of love for me and information is like love — it works best when you give it away!"



Kat Brady is a community justice advocate with a lifelong dedication to bringing the community's voice into the public policy arena. She works to increase civic literacy and to encourage public participation to advocate for social, cultural, and

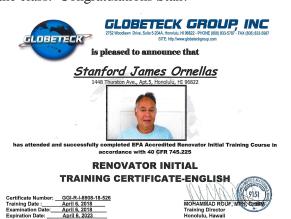
environmental justice policy reforms that are scientifically sound, compassionate, humane, and respectful of human dignity. Kat is the only Prisoner Advocate in Hawai'i serving on 3 University of Hawai'i Institutional Review Boards. She is the policy point person for the Hawai'i Innocence Project and Vice President of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i as well as being Assistant Executive Director of Life of the Land.

Kat served as Chair of Honolulu County Committee on the Status of Women for 12 years, is an active member of the Hawai'i Women's Coalition, and the community voice on the recent ten-year review of Hawai'i's Penal Code.

She was recently recognized with the Ka'onohiokala (blazing intense eye of the sun) Award and the Martin Luther King Lifetime Peacemaker Award for her justice advocacy.

Congratulations, Stan!

As part of the lead abatement and painting project, we needed to have someone EPA certified on staff. Our sexton, Stan Ornellas attended the class and not only was certified but got the highest score in the class. Congratulations Stan!



Bobbie 'n' Cole

Bobbie Brodhead and Cole Palimo'o have become close pals over the past 6 months, since they both regularly attend the 10:15 am service. The two of them talk about sports (sometimes during the service in the back) and Cole sees Aunty Bobbie off when her Handi-Van arrives to pick her up after service. They are about 70 years apart in age. It is quite sweet to watch them interact on Sundays. **Right:** Cole is holding his solid, chocolate Easter bunny that Aunty Bobbie ordered and gave to him as his Easter holiday gift. Photo by Moani Crowell (Cole's proud mom).



Mahalo from Libbie Schrader



Hello to everyone who came to my talks at St. Clement's on Sunday! First of all, thank you SO much for listening, and for your enthusiastic and engaging questions. It really was an honor to get to share this information with such a thoughtful audience. Thanks also for signing up on my list - you will now get occasional updates about my research presentations, and concerts that I might be perform-

ing. (if you don't want these updates you can unsubscribe at any time)

If any of you would like to read the Harvard Theological Review article where I talk about the Mary/Martha research in detail, it is available online for \$25 through this link: http://www.cambridge.org/ElizabethSchrader. If you like, one person can buy it and then make copies for everyone! ;) It is also available for free at any theological library - there may be a copy at the University of Hawai'i, and there is almost certainly a copy at BYU in $L\bar{a}$ 'ie. If you make the trek to one of these libraries, simply ask for the July 2017 issue of HTR. (The article is quite technical, so if you want to just read the conclusions you might want to just skim forward to page 385) :)

For those of you who liked the "Magdalene" song, I also happen to have a music video of the song! Here is a link to the video:

https://vimeo.com/69995141. I know a few of you requested Magdalene CDs - I will follow up with you guys individually (or you can e-mail me back if we didn't talk about it on Sunday). Individual songs of mine can also be bought on iTunes:

https://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/libbie-schrader/16720802. If you'd like to find out more about me and my career, you can visit my website at http://www.libbieschrader.com.

Again, I really loved getting to meet all of you and share the research with you. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions at all. Also if you know of other congregations/groups on the mainland who would be interested in hearing about the research, please let me know, since I'd love to share this information with as many people as possible. It's not just for scholars!

Thank you for being such a hospitable and receptive community, and thanks again to Rev. Heather for setting it up. Please do stay in touch - I hope to see you again!

Warmly, Libbie Schrader

Parish Cycle of Prayer

One of the greatest ways we can support each other is through prayer. Often we pray for someone only when they are going through a tough time in life-illness, transition, grief. Beginning in May, I ask you to

pray with me for three families in our parish each week. We also will be praying for them during our Sunday Services. In just over a year, we will spend time praying for each member of our 'Ohana.



Parish Snap Shots



Above: Going above and beyond the call of duty... literally! If there had been a glass ceiling in our church Junior Warden Mary Carpenter would've broken through it on the rescheduled Parish Work Day. Her assistants are bravely bracing the ladder for her. Below: parishioners wipe the pews of the dust and dirt that collected as a result of the workers starting the church reroofing project. *Photos by Sandy Souza*.



	Sun	Mon	Tue	
St. Clement School		Come Help Clean the Church this week - Any day, any time Call the office first	1 1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1 Property Comm mtg cxld Come help clean the church Pizza provided for workers from 5 pm on.	
	6 7:30 Holy Eucharist & Baptism-CH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 8:45 Adult Discussion w/ guest Kat Brady-PH 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 5:00 Hui Lāpule La'i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	7 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	8 1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1 6:00 Vestry Meeting-PH	
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	20 Family Sunday/Pentecost & Ministry Fair Celebration 7:30 Holy Eucharist-CH 8:30 Ministry Fair-PH 8:45 Bible Workbench-PH2 10:00 Sunday School-PH/C.Bldg 10:15 Holy Eucharist-CH 11:30 Ministry Fair-PH 5:00 Hui Lāpule La'i Mtg-MB 7:00 Daily Reflections-PH	21 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 7:00 Mankind Project-MB 7:30 Al-Anon-PH	1:30 Staff Meeting-PH1 6:15 Executive Comm. Mtg-PH1	
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Wed Thu		Fri	Sat
2 8:00 SCS Chapel-PH 8:30 Lei Day Rehearsal-PG 10:00 Healing Eucharist-PH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG 5:30 Na 'Ohana Mtg-PH	3 8:30 Lei Day Rehearsal-PG 10:00 Holy Eucharist at Arcadia 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-PH1	4 Clergy Sabbath 8:00 SCS Lei Day Program-PG 11:00 SCS Staff Meeting-PH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	5 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 OA Mtg-MB 9:30 RYSE Meeting-SL 10:30 Weissich Memorial & Reception-CH/PH
9 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG	9:00 B2 Mother's Day Tea-PH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	11 Clergy Sabbath 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 8:30 SCS Dance Class-PH 9:30 SCS Preschool Mothers Day Party-PH/PKG 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 OA Mtg-MB 9:00 iFoG-PH 4:00 Tourist Wedding-CH
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23 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 10:00 Healing Eucharist-CH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG	24 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH	25 Clergy Sabbath 8:00 SCS Chapel-CH 9:00 B1 End of Year Party-PH 8:00 Strivers for Sobriety-PH	26 9:00 Altar Guild-CH 9:00 OA Mtg-MB
30 9-11a SCS PS4 & Kindergarten Graduation-CH 11:00 YO! House Cooking-KIT 11:30 SCS Staff Lunch-PH 5:30 OE-Anon-SL 5:30 Tae Kwan Do-PG No Healing Eucharist Svc.	31 8:30 Holy Folders-PH 4:30 Farmers Market-PKG 6:00 Choir Rehearsal-CH Ke 'Alemanaka Assembly		Key CH - Church PH - Parish House, main hall PH1 - Mtg room 1 in Parish House PH2 - Mtg room 2 in Parish House MB - Music Building SL - Staff Lounge KIT - Kitchen PG - Playground PKG - Parking Lot



Parish Snap Shots



Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday





Left to right: Sunday Schoolers with baskets they made on Palm Sunday for shut-ins (*photo by Scott Suzuki-Jones*); Agape Meal and Maundy Thursday service in the Parish House (*photos by Liz Baldwin*).





Easter Sunday







Clockwise from left: Sunday Schoolers gather for a photo with their Easter flowers (*photo by Lauren Romagnoli*); the Procession; Sunday Schoolers marching in (*photos by Arthur Buto*); Sunday Schoolers flowering the cross; "Little Church time" with some of the St. Clementians who went to Washington, DC, and participated in the "March for Our Lives" (*photos by Arthur Buto*); choir members at the Easter service (*photo by Cathy Overstreet*).





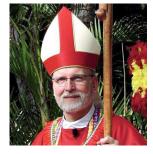


Save the Date:



June 9, 2018 at 10:00am

Please join us at St. Andrew's Cathedral for the Ordination Service for St. Clement's own Mark Haworth. Former parishioner Jasmine Bostock will also be ordained at this service.



September 8 at 4:00pm

Bishop Fitzpatrick will be with us to celebrate 120 years of the Parish of St. Clement and bless our renewed sanctuary!

Farmers Market Ministry Teams

Volunteer to help with this ministry by contacting Pam Fern (943-8987 or 561-1070) or Tim Hurd (372-9563)

Task	May 3	May 10	May 17	May 24	May 31
Point Person for Set Up and Parking 3:00-5:30pm	Keith Kalway	Keith Kalway	Jim Quimby	Pam Fern	Pam Fern
Parking 3:30-5:30 pm	Pam Fern	You?	Pam Fern	You?	Steve Marcuccilli
Set Up 4:15-4:45 pm	Steve Marcuccilli	Dana Anderson	Liz Ho	Jim Quimby	You?
Point Person 5:30-7:30 pm	Pam Fern - 561-1070				
Receipts, Rents 6:30-7pm	Martha Morgan	Susan Palmore	Michele Morikami	Martha Morgan	Michele Morikami
Take down/ Closing* 7:20-8pm	Beth Fincke Jim Mattingly John Marlowe*	Soane Lino or Nicholas Lino Sandy Souza Arthur Buto*	River Kim Ken Morikami Terry Ledford*	Jim Mattingly Terry Ledford*	Steve Marcuccilli Pam Fern*





Parish Snap Shots







Rain has delayed much of the work on the new roof, including the installation of new gutters. The roofers are hard at work on this particular rain-free weekend. (*Photos by Arthur Buto*).

Reminder: Contributions to our capital improvement projects are still being gratefully accepted. Some of the costs include \$50 per gallon of paint, \$100 per shingle sheet, and \$30 per sheet of plywood (needed when it was discovered that there was no decking under the old roof).

Mahalo nui loa to these project donors to date: Mark Haworth, Annette Jim, Ginny LaPierre, Vi Loo, Bertha and Francis Lum, Nellie McLaughlin, Ray and Darlene Tamura

Vestry Highlights - April 2018



The vestry met on April 10, 2018. Highlights of this meeting include:

- Guests from the school staff and St. Clement's School Board
- A tour of the school facilities led by the Head of School, Jodi

Yoshioka, and the other staff members present

- Announcement that the school passed its accreditation with a score of 95%
- Accepted the resignation of Sally McDermott from the vestry and appointed Jose Henao to complete her term
- Pastor Heather reported that Easter 2018 attendance was the highest its been since before 2012

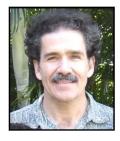
Submitted by Jose Henao Clerk of the Vestry

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 6 pm. Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. We serve a light supper prior to the meeting and enjoy having visitors.

A View from the Pew

Fight for your lives, before it's someone else's job."

Emma Gonzalez, Teenager / Parkland, Florida Survivor / Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Organizer / MARCH FOR YOUR LIVES - Washington, DC



I realize it is the Season of Easter, but Lent remains with me. It was a whirlwind of parishioners planning, organizing, preparing, and fundraising to facilitate members of five families from our parish to join in the MARCH FOR OUR LIVES in Washington, DC. It was as amazing as it was inspiring for everyone involved, from the youth and parents who

traveled to Washington, DC, to the people who made the travel and lodging arrangements, to those who put our group in contact with Hawai'i's Congressional delegation, to those who made sure our group was well-guided and cared for in the hours before, during, and after the MARCH, to those who did the fundraising and the giving, to those who prayed with all of their hearts, minds, and souls for a safe journey, MARCH, and return home. I have never been more moved by the people of Saint Clement's or more honored to be one of you.

For me, the experience was reminiscent of the Gospel of Mark, which originally did not get much "play" with the Episcopal Church. On the surface, it is understandable. Compared with the others, Mark is brief, concise, and pointed. You could even say much of it is "dry." If you have a couple of hours of free time and a big mug of coffee, Mark can be read in a single sitting. The Gospel of Matthew, on the other hand, is longer and focuses on Jesus fulfilling the Jewish Bible's prophesies of a future Messiah. The Gospel of Luke is longer still and focuses on the early development of Christianity from John the Baptist, through the life of Jesus, to the times of the early disciples and Apostles. Then there is the Gospel of John. For lack of a better word, it is "mystical," probably because when reading it, John is like a series of sermons by a well-versed, very seasoned, charismatic and devoted evangelist, which no doubt he was.

Even so, I still like Mark best. He must have been a "no bones about it" and "what you see is what you get" breed of evangelist. While he clearly understood the importance of belief, Mark also understood that belief remains academic until put into action, at which time it becomes faith. And not just any kind of faith, but in God, and as a result our neighbors, if only because they too, like we, are equally the Images of God and part of our one, and only, and universal spiritual family. Inversely, Mark understood that when we put our faith in God and our neighbors, we really do believe. If otherwise, we simply would not stick out our earthly necks for God and our neighbors with our actions. Moreover, Mark did not just understand. He knew. From his own worldly experiences, not only as an early disciple of Jesus but as a fervent evangelist after His Ascension, that win, lose, or draw it is by our actions that our faith is

forged, shaped, steeled, and sharpened, and that everything else is just talk.

The Gospel of Mark refers to our faith in Jesus as "The Way" or "The Path." Mark, much like Jesus, did not have a lot of use for following rules for the sake of the rules. Rules are supposed to be sacrificial, meaning if they have any credibility at all, they exist and are abided by for a higher purpose. Mark, I imagine, would not be too impressed with those of us today who refer to ourselves as "cultural Christians." In other words, for the sake of identity, people paying well-intentioned and even pious lip service to the ecclesiastical rules and laws of Christianity and its manifold denominations. Mark might ask, why go through all of the trouble of transforming ourselves into spiritual egg shells ~ without a living egg inside ~ if we do not really believe in The Way?

For Mark, it was axiomatic that "The Way" be faithfully traveled, followed and experienced in the here and now, for the sake of the here and now, not the hereafter. In Mark's experience, the hereafter takes care of itself, depending on the path we choose. The Way is the path on which Jesus himself, and later the Holy Spirit sent by Him, guides us through this very challenging human experience. Yet, as difficult as it can be, it is the path that ever-closes the abyss which exists between us, our neighbors, God's Creation, God's Kingdom, and God's very Self. The Way is not a path on which we casually if not blithely pass through the spiritual wilderness of life. The Way is the path on which we must encounter and engage it.

"Follow Me and I will make you fish for people.' Immediately they dropped their nets and followed Him."

Jesus / Mark 1:16-18

~~ Submitted by Scott Suzuki-Jones

May 2018 Lay Ministers

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27
Year B	The Sixth Sunday of Easter	The Seventh Sunday of Easter The Sunday after the Ascension	The Day of Pentecost - Whitsunday	The First Sunday after Pentecost - Trinity Sunday
Readings	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Psalm 104:25-35, 37 Acts 2:1-21 John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17
Flowers	Beth Fincke	Kiki Fordham	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau

7:30 am Service

Lector	Sandy Souza	Keith Kalway	Kingsley Wong	Kathleen Norris
Lector/EM	Jim Quimby	Scott Hauger	Susan Palmore	Pam Fern
Euch. Min	Pam Fern	Martha Morgan	Dana Anderson	Jim Quimby
Altar Guild	Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Pam Fern	Cecilia Fordham
Ushers	Harrison Ishida Sandy Souza	Sandy Souza	Wong Family	Sandy Souza
Coffee Hour	Tahmi Brodhead	Leslie Isaki	Wong Family	Cecilia Fordham

10:15 am Service

Lector	Annette Jim	Meleanna Meyer	Elizabeth McCutcheon	Nellie McLaughlin
Lector/EM	Brad Siefkes	Paris Priore-Kim	Paris Priore-Kim	Jane Anderson
Euch. Min	Jane Anderson	Moria Amjadi	Brad Siefkes	Micheline McManus
Altar Guild	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke	Beth Fincke Adrienne Lau
Ushers	Liz Baldwin Terry Ledford	Arthur Buto Terry Ledford	Liz Baldwin Keli'i DeFrancia	Arthur Buto Trey Frank
Coffee Hour	Keliʻi deFrancia John Palimoʻo	Tau'eva Lino	Nellie McLaughlin Martha Kaser	Liz Baldwin
Offering Counters	Terry Ledford Brad Siefkes	Liz Baldwin Brian Crow	Joni & Kingsley Wong	Arthur & Lisa Buto

Greeters: 7:30 - Leslie Isaki 10:15 - Deborah Candace Love, Annette Jim

"Hatred does not have the last word. Violence does not have the last word. Bigotry does not have the last word. Sin, evil do not have the last word. The last word is God, and God is love."

From Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter message 2018



Datebook

Week of April 30-May 4 Church Cleaning - Any day, any time

> Friday, May 4 8 am SCS Lei Day Program

Saturday, May 5 10:30 am Paul Weissich memorial service

> Friday, May 18 Ke' Alemanaka Deadline

Saturday, May 19 11:30 Food Distribution & Lunch ministry

Sunday, May 20 Between services & after the 10:15 service Ministry Fair

> Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day Offices and School Closed

Tuesday, May 29 9 am SCS Moving Up ceremony

> Wednesday, May 30 9 am SCS Graduation

Thursday, May 31 Ke' Alemanaka Assembly

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Parish Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 am to 4 pm Tuesdays 8:30 am to 8 pm Staff meetings - Tuesdays, 1:30 pm to 2:30 PM

> Thursdays 4:30 pm Farmers Market

Schedule of Worship Services Sundays: 7:30 am and 10:15 am Wednesdays: 10 am

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