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May 1, 8 and 15:

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Traditional Worship Service at
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Urban Grace (Contemporary
Service) at 11:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

May 2016

You may have noticed that our Sunday attendance has dropped off a bit in the last few years. In light of that, church leadership has been exploring options for bringing our numbers back up. Recently, we hit on the idea of developing a second Sunday morning service. So beginning May 22nd, JCC will be offering a contemporary service at 11:30 a.m., which will follow our more traditional service. The reason for starting a contemporary hour of worship is the realization that we have lost many of our young families and college students. Our hope is that these "millennials" may be attracted to a slightly more casual and modern approach to worship.

This is not intended in any way to denigrate our traditional service, which we feel is very God honoring and will not be altered in the least. Certain national trends, however, indicate a movement among young people toward churches which emphasize a more contemporary feel. This new service, which we call *Urban Grace*, has a bare bones structure if you will: a number of contemporary praise songs, followed by the same sermon from the earlier service, concluding with prayer and one last song of praise.

I am especially excited at the prospect of seeing our youth take such an active role in this new project. Led by Brian Itliong and Elise Mori, our worship team will be comprised almost exclusively of teens and 20 somethings.

Finally we realize any hope for success is dependent upon God's movement in the hearts of people throughout Salt Lake City. This is why I am asking you to pray diligently for our new service; that God would draw many new people to JCC, and that He would equip us to minister to them and honor His holy name.

God Bless You,
Pastor Brad

The JCC Mission Statement

To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and seek spiritual growth for the entire congregation through:

- Worship, prayer, and Bible study
- Outreach and evangelism
- Loving service to the Church and community
- Fellowship
- Cultural activities unique to our ethnic congregation

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Memorial Day Services

The traditional Memorial Day candle lighting service will be held on **Sunday, May 29, 2016**. Light a candle in memory of a departed loved one during worship service.

The local JAACL chapters will hold a Veteran’s Memorial Service at the Salt Lake City cemetery (Japanese section above 11th Avenue), also on Sunday, May 29. At press time, the start time was not confirmed, but may be 8:00 a.m. When the time is confirmed, an announcement will be made during upcoming worship services.

Introducing “Urban Grace”

To draw new faces to the JCC, a new contemporary style worship service will be held in addition to the regular Sunday weekly services. “Urban Grace” will begin on **Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m.** following the traditional worship service at 10:00 a.m.

See Pastor Brad’s message on Page 1 of this newsletter for details on this new service. Spread the word to others you know, especially young adults. Then attend the service to see what Urban Grace is all about!

Calling All Graduates – Class of 2016

If you are, or know of someone who is, graduating from high school or college in the class of 2016, contact **Greg Paige (801) 272-2266** or gepaige@msn.com by May 22. Seniors will be recognized during worship service in June.



Mother’s Day Brunch

Enjoy continental breakfast of pastries, fruit and coffee/juice with Mom on her special day, **Sunday, May 8**, and then attend Bible Study and worship service. The breakfast is hosted by the Men’s Fellowship and will be served from 9:00 a.m.



Condolences

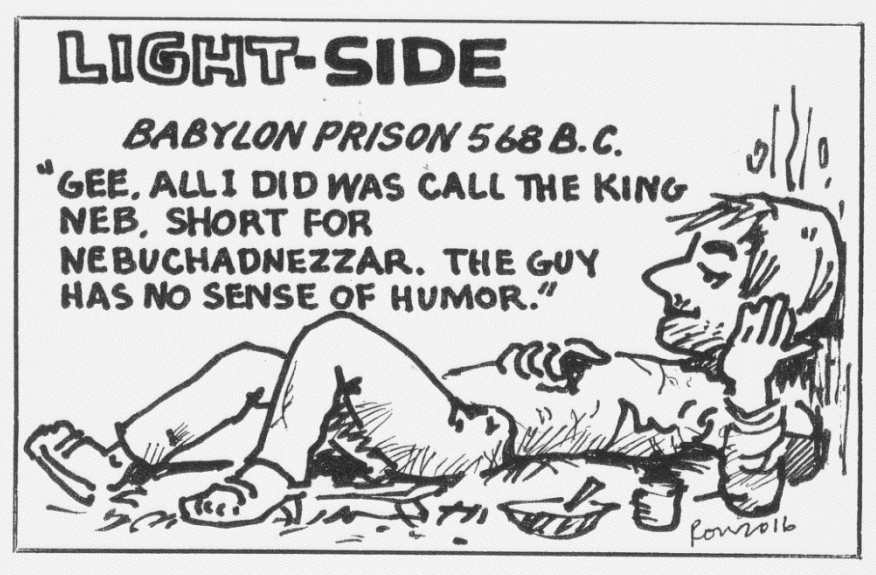
Our deepest condolences are extended to the family of Betty Morishita; her husband Mits Morishita passed away unexpectedly on Monday, April 18, 2016.



Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Saeko Nakashima | Shawna Johnson | Chris Miya |
| Susan Rosvall | Joy Hashimoto | Bernice Kida |
| Miki Harada | Betty Murakami | Marie Matsukawa |
| Yaeko Tomomatsu | Grace Matsumura | Grace Oshita |
| Yoshiko Nakagama | Toshiko Marse | Cristal Aoki |
| Jana Hansen | Utako Aramaki | Lillian Nakamura |
| Frank Imai | Garin Harada | Jessie Lamb |
| Wat Misaka | Larry Harada | Mr. “C” |
| Susan Fukushima | Michael Darger | Finn Horve |
| Kevin Turner | Keri Kramer | Chris Tabata Lund |
| Morishita Family | | |



JCC Basketball Schedule

You have just a few more chances to see the JCC Over 30 and Under 30 basketball teams at play! All games played at Southeast Christian Church, 1881 East Vine Street, Salt Lake City, UT. Come out and cheer the teams on!

Date	Over 30	Date	Under 30
Thursday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 5	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 12	6:00 p.m.	Thursday, May 12	9:00 p.m.

May 17, 19 – Playoffs; May 24, 26 – Championship

JCC Softball Schedule

The WVCFFC Church Spring Softball League season is here. Here is the schedule:

Date	Time	Field
Friday, April 29	6:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, May 6	8:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, May 13	6:30 p.m.	Purple Field
Friday, May 20	6:30 p.m.	Purple Field
Friday, June 3	8:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, June 10	8:30 p.m.	Yellow Field
Friday, June 17	6:30 p.m.	Green Field
Friday, June 24	7:30 p.m.	Green Field

3 double elimination tournaments will start on July 8. Dates are 7/8, 7/15 and 7/29.

All games are held at the West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South.

Japanese Notecards

Ted Nagata has generously donated some beautiful Japanese motif notecard/postcard sets to the JCC that he designed. The packets are for sale at \$10.00 a set (5 notecards and 5 postcards). Contact **Elaine Iwasaki** to place an order.

Easter Photo Order Extension

The Easter 2016 proofs are finally posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board at the front entrance. There are 4 different versions to choose from. An order sheet is posted on the board – please fill in name, proof number and quantity; prints are \$5 each.

Thanks again to Frank Ujifusa for serving as the photographer for this JCC Easter tradition.

Mount Hermon Attendees

The following individuals will be attending Mount Hermon this year from June 26 through July 2:

- Yeiko Homma
- Pastor Brad, Madison and Nichole Kramer
- Elizabeth Ward
- Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu
- Shoji Mori
- Tyler Uyeda

Please pray for their safe travels and a wonderful experience at the JEMS conference.

Washi Eggs - May Culture Class

Learn how to make a washi egg from **Judy Iwamoto**. Turn a plain egg (plastic in this case) by wrapping it in washi (rice) paper and adding a coat of shiny glaze – into a decorative ornament.

The class will be held on **Sunday, May 15**, after worship service. A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall. (Small materials fee.)



May 2016 - Worship Service Participants

	May 1	May 8	May 15	Music Worship May 22	Memorial May 29
Liturgist	Hiro Iwasaki	Greg Paige	Ron Nishijima	Steve Fukumitsu	Laura Olson
Scripture Readers	E) Jan Aramaki J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Alex Okawa J) Toshiko Marse	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Shigeko Ota	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Misako Bowker	E) Matt Miya J) Yoko DeRose
Greeter	Sadie Yoshimura	Saeko Nakashima	Betty Murakami	Wilma Kimura	Betty Murakami
Ushers	Misako Bowker Moto Lochner	Doug Murakami Karen Okawa	Jan Aramaki Lorraine Crouse	Christine Lund Al Kubota	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	Brian Itliong
Organist/Pianist	Greg Paige	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima
Offeratory Music	Greg Paige	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima	Nichigo	Allyn Nakashima
Acolyte	TBD	Alex Okawa	TBD	Tyler Uyeda	Tyler Uyeda
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Tosh Nakaya	Paul DeRose	Tosh Nakaya	---	Paul DeRose

JCC May 2016 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 -Communion Sunday	2 -Taiko practice, 6pm	3	4	5	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7
8 -Mother's Day Brunch	9 -Taiko practice, 6pm	10	11	12	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14
15 -Culture Class, Washi Eggs, noon	16 -Taiko practice, 6pm	17 -St. Vincent dePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	18	19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -Tongan Youth Graduation, noon
22 -Urban Grace begins, 11:30 a.m.	23 -Taiko practice, 6pm	24	25	26	27 -Taiko practice, 6pm	28
29 -Candlelighting Service, 10:30 a.m.	30 MEMORIAL DAY					

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 4/25/16.

For building use information, go to www.jccslc.net, Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, May 7 – Nikkei Senior Center Luncheon sponsored by the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, 211 West 100 South, noon.

Friday – Sunday, May 20-22 – Living Traditions Festival, Washington Square. Kenshin Taiko performing.

Sunday, May 29 – Veteran’s Memorial Day service – sponsored by Utah JACL Chapters, 8:00 a.m., Salt Lake City cemetery.

April Culture Class Recap

On Sunday, April 10, **Yoko DeRose** demonstrated the art of Shodo (Japanese Calligraphy). Students had on-hands experience with brush and ink. Thank you Yoko for sharing your talent with us and for your patience! Creating a straight line is not as easy as one might think!



Photos: Upper right – Sensei DeRose
Middle – Participants practice writing with brush and ink.



Betty Kubota and Jean Irwin concentrate on their strokes.

Taiko Workshop

A Taiko workshop will be held at church on **Wednesday, June 1, 2016** from **6 to 9 p.m.** The workshop will be conducted by Marco Lienhard, artistic director for Taikoza, a musical ensemble featuring taiko drums and bamboo flutes. (The group is this year’s entertainment headliners for Nihon Matsuri.) Cost of the workshop is **\$20.00**. Contact **Laura Olson** for more information.

Video Clip

Alli Nakamura, daughter of Stan and Stephanie Nakamura and grand-daughter of Ted and Yeiko Nagata, produced a video short for a project that involves the local Nisei bowling league and features many members of our congregation.

The short has made its way to the Los Angeles Asian Pacific film festival, San Diego Asian film festival, and Seattle Asian film festival the past year. Alli says “All credit goes to the amazing bowlers.”

Go to www.vimeo.com/122125634; the password is Nisei.

Team Up Calendar

Need to know if the JCC facilities or parking lots are available on a certain day? You can now go to a link from the JCC website that will show the monthly JCC building usage schedule – when the taiko group practices are, if there is a Jazz game that will affect parking at JCC, and schedules for Tongan and Kachin congregation events using the chapel or Fellowship Hall.

Go to www.jccslc.net, then to the “Events/Activities” tab, and then click on “JCC Facilities Usage Schedule” link.

Building Tracks to New Beginnings: Japanese Railroad Workers

Lorraine Crouse, Special Collections Department of the Marriott Library at the University of Utah put together an article and photo slideshow on the Nisei railroad workers in the West, in conjunction with the Nihon Matsuri exhibit she assembled. The text and photos can be found at this link:

<https://newsletter.lib.utah.edu/?p=1930>.

May Birthdays

7	Jeni Nakao-Kawabata	21	Abi Shino
8	Penny Imamura	23	Katie Fukumitsu
11	Hiro Iwasaki	25	Robert Kimura
12	Greg Sueoka	31	Yoko DeRose
13	Nobe Iwamoto		Mas Horiuchi

June Picnic Preview

The Annual Father’s Day picnic will be held on June 19, 2016, again at Sugarhouse Park. However, this year the pavilion will change – the new location will be the Parley’s Creek Pavilion, which is located in the center of the park, and convenient to restrooms and playground. A map will be featured in the June Herald and a copy will be posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board showing the new location in the park.

Nihon Matsuri

Submitted by Jan Aramaki



On **Friday, April 29**, volunteers are needed to help roll sushi, set up tents, or to help with other tasks for Saturday's Nihon Matsuri. Volunteers are also needed for the day of the festival.

On **Saturday, April 30**, an opening ceremony to kick off the event will begin at 10 a.m. on the west stage in front of the JCC. Kenshin Taiko will be performing – your support is appreciated. Invite your family and friends to attend. Don't forget to purchase raffle tickets from the information booth to win a gift basket or other items. The JCC will be selling manju, sushi, kanten dessert, kakimochi, onigiri, and mini mochi.

Come join for some good food, exhibits, children's games, tea ceremony, and entertainment. Visit www.nihonmatsuri.com for details. Volunteers can contact **Laura Olson (801) 755-1706** or **Jan Aramaki (801) 718-2006**. Great day to be out for some fellowship and fun!

There is free parking in the Salt Palace (must enter from 300 West between South Temple and 100 South).

Program Schedule: *Please be aware that these times may change as performances demand for any reason.*

Stage 1 (West end of 100 South)

- 10:00 am Japanese Church of Christ Kenshin Taiko Group
- 10:10 am Welcome Introduction of Honored Guest –Jani Iwamoto
- 11:00 am Jonathan Swift- The Magician
- 11:50 am Zenbukan
- 12:25 pm One Voice Children's Choir
- 12:50 pm Cosplay
- 1:15 pm TAIKOZA Taiko/Flute Ensemble
- 1:40 pm Kimono Fashion Show
- 1:55 pm Festival Dancers
- 2:15 pm Japanese Church of Christ Kenshin Taiko Group
- 2:45 pm Red Dragon Martial Art
- 3:15 pm Okinawa Kenjinkai Dance
- 4:00 pm Tae Kwon Do-Gary Nakano-Carson, Akemi Kawabata; Carson, Campbell

Stage 2 (East end of 100 South)

- 11:00 am 8 Pieces of Brocade (Qi Gung) Demo & Instruction
- 11:30 am Salt Lake City Shotoken Karate
- 12:10 am Rocky Mountain Judo Group
- 12:55 pm Noodle Eating Contest
- 1:15 pm Intermountain Akido
- 1:45 pm Wasatch Koto School-Kanako Ford
- 2:20 pm TAIKOZA Taiko/Flute Ensemble
- 2:45 pm Monkewise.com
- 3:20 pm Kaneshiro Akiko (Folk Song) Miyo Group
- 3:50 pm Ogden Buddhist Temple Taiko Group
- 4:25 pm Tanko Bushi-Audience Participation

Japanese Tea Ceremony at the Japanese Church of Christ

11:00 am, 12:15 pm, 1:30 pm, 2:45 pm, 4:00 pm

Mochitsuki (rice pounding) at the Japanese Church of Christ

12:00 noon, 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm