

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## **Worship Schedule:**

Nichigo Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## **Pastor's Message**

**July 2017**

I am almost always convicted on some level by every sermon I preach: In particular when the message comes from one of the gospels. When I say "convicted" I am referring to the realization that I have fallen short in fulfilling God's commands for obedience, which then requires me to do some soul searching and often confession of sin. This is actually a healthy process, because I don't wallow in guilt or beat myself up over my shortcomings. I simply bring my sin before God, accept His forgiveness and then ask Him for the strength to live a more God honoring life.

I tell you this because recently that sense of conviction was particularly strong. In fact I am still wrestling with the passage I preached on from Romans 12 last week. In this great chapter, the Apostle Paul speaks of the importance of showing godly love not only toward one another, but toward the unlovable as well: not just feeling it, but demonstrating it. There are strong echoes here of Jesus' command to love our enemies.

I have no problem loving friends and family; it is when I'm asked to extend that action to those outside my circle that I hesitate. I know that I do not love like I should, but I want to. I also realize that none of us are able to demonstrate true godly love toward those we dislike apart from the considerable help of His Holy Spirit. My hope and prayer is that God will work within our community, transforming us into disciples of Jesus who are known for their love toward all people.

May 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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**Condolences**

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Yoshimoto family on the passing of Hatsuko Yoshimoto on April 10, 2017. In recent years, she resided in Colorado with her daughter. Memorial services were held on June 24, 2017.

**Thank You!**

Thank you to the Men's Fellowship for the purchase of a new coffee urn and to the Agape Women for the purchase of a new acrylic beverage dispenser.



**Save the Date – Sushi/Manju Fundraiser**

Reserve the date of **Saturday, August 26** for a JCC Sushi/Manju Fundraiser. We plan to sell sushi, spam musubi, and manju plates as a fundraiser since Nihon and Aki Matsuri were not held this year. In addition to selling tickets, we will need volunteers to help prepare the food during the week of August 20. Proceeds will go towards upgrading the Fellowship Hall kitchen. More details will follow in the Herald August issue next month.

**JCC 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2018 - Calling for Photos**

As reported last month, the JCC will be celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year in **October 2018**. If you have any photographs of JCC activities, people, or events, please bring them to Karen Okawa or Lorraine Crouse. (We will scan the original photos and return them to you.) We are particularly seeking photos taken during the time period from the 1970s to the present. An initial meeting to begin planning for the anniversary event will be scheduled next month.

Speaking of anniversaries, the **Ogden JCC** will be commemorating its **90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this coming September and has invited us to join them in celebration the weekend of **September 23/24, 2017**. More details to follow as the date draws closer.

**Light Side**



**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Jana Hansen       | Utako Aramaki   | Mas Horiuchi     |
| Wat Misaka        | Chris Miya      | Frank Yoshimura  |
| Steve Fukushima   | Cristal Aoki    | Mr. "C"          |
| Joy Hashimoto     | Kai Ronning     | Keiko Mori       |
| Sarah and Malachi | Grace Matsumura | Yoshimoto Family |

### Congratulations Graduates

Ice Cream Sundae Sunday was held on June 11 to honor our graduates. Thomas Mori, Tyler Crouse, and Elise Mori graduated from the University of Utah and Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu graduated from Olympus High School. Congratulations to all!



2017 College and High School Graduates: Thomas Mori, Tyler Crouse, Elise Mori and Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.

### Joint Worship Service

On Sunday, June 25, a joint worship service was held with our brothers and sisters from the Ogden Japanese Church of Christ, who carpooled to Salt Lake to join us for Music Worship. Pastor Brad and Pastor Bob Nakaoka each gave a sermon. A luncheon was held after. Thanks to the Agape Women’s group for providing the chicken, rolls and potato salad and to everyone who provided side dishes and desserts. It was nice to worship with our sister church and share in this blessed event. We hope to do it again and next time we will go to Ogden!



Pastor Bob



Ogden and Salt Lake congregations enjoy pot luck lunch.



### Father’s Day Picnic Recap

The Annual Father’s Day Picnic was held at Sugarhouse Park on June 18, 2017. Worship service included Victor Homma with a Father’s Day musical number and commissioning of the Mount Hermon attendees. A pot luck luncheon and bingo followed. Mas Horiuchi won the grand bingo prize; a cooler!



Victor Homma  
Thanks to Laura Olson for coordinating delivery of all of the paper products and drinks to the park and purchasing the bingo prizes.



Commissioning of Mount Hermon attendees – Carson Kawabata, Tyler Uyeda and Yeiko Homma; in prayer given by Pastor Brad. (Not pictured – Elise Mori, Elizabeth Ward, Nichole Kramer.)



Laura calls out bingo numbers.



**July 2017 - Worship Service Participants**

	July 2	July 9	July 16	Music Worship July 23	July 30
<b>Liturgist</b>	Greg Paige	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Keiko Ikeda	Lynne Crabb
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Zach Paige J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Jan Aramaki J) Toshiko Marse	E) Chris Lund J) Shigeko Ota	E) Alison Cheung J) Misako Bowker	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yoko DeRose
<b>Greeter</b>	Karla Paige	Karen Okawa	Dorthie Conway	Wilma Kimura	Betty Murakami
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Al Kubota Doug Murakami	Lorraine Crouse Jan Aramaki	Pauline Vosburgh Mary Tabata	Zach Paige Daniel Cheung
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	---	---	Brian Itliong	JCC Worship Band	---
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Greg Paige	Keiko Ikeda	Allyn Nakashima
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	Allyn Nakashima	Yas Iwamoto	Greg Paige	Nichigo Choir	Allyn Nakashima
<b>Acolyte</b>	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---	---
<b>Ed Bldg Monitor</b>	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

**JCC July 2017 Events Calendar**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Communion, 10:30 am	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5	6	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8
9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11	12	13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15
16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	19	20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22
23	24 PIONEER DAY	25	26	27	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29
30 Youth Sunday	31					

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 6/25/17.

For up to date building use information, go to [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net), Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

**July Community Events**

**Saturday, July 8, 2017** – Obon Festival, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, food from 1:00 p.m., Ogden Taiko performance 7:30 p.m., dancing 8:00 p.m.

**Saturday, July 8, 2017** – Topaz Museum Grand Opening, Delta, UT.

**Saturday, July 29, 2017** – Nikkei Senior Center Picnic, Canyon Rim Park (30<sup>th</sup> South, 30<sup>th</sup> East), noon.