

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## Worship Schedule:

Adult and Nichigo Bible Study  
9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

## Pastor's Message

May 2018

After preaching from the book of Luke for the past 11 months, I've decided to take a six week break and explore the topic of Trust. You might ask, "why not finish Luke and then launch into a new topic?" It's a great question for which I don't have a great answer. Other than to say, I feel compelled to tackle this subject sooner than later; perhaps this is a case of God leading me on a different but significant preaching path. I'd like to think so. Whatever the reason, I believe this is an important subject for God's people to consider deeply.

In his book *Ruthless Trust*, the late Brennan Manning claimed "The essence of biblical faith lies in trusting God". I think he is right. There must be trust in God in order to truly believe in Him, and His care for us. And as Manning observes, that trust needs to be "renewed daily". In other words, every day seems to bring new opportunities or temptations to mistrust the goodness and sovereign care of our Lord. It is in those moments where we make the choice either to put our faith in God's sufficiency, or trust in our own devices. Invariably, the latter path leads to disappointment, and sometimes-even heartache.

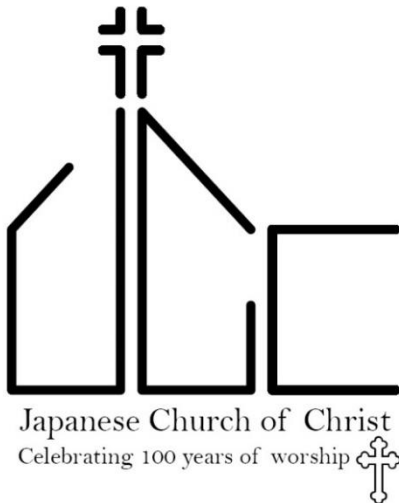
I am excited for us to journey together through God's word, trusting His Holy Spirit to convict, teach and transform us through His matchless power.

May God Bless and Strengthen 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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**Mother’s Day Brunch**

Mother’s Day brunch will be served by the Men’s Fellowship on **Sunday, May 13, 2018** beginning at 8:30 a.m. Come honor mom before worship service with breakfast on her special day!

**Memorial Day**

The traditional and annual Memorial Day candle lighting service will be held on **Sunday, May 27, 2018 at 10:30 a.m.** Come light a candle in memory of a loved one.

**Easter Photos**

Prints of the annual photo taken on Easter Sunday are posted on the bulletin in the front of the Fellowship Hall. There are 4 different versions to choose from. There is a signup sheet also posted on the board. Select the print you would like (A, B, C or D), quantity, and your name and contact information. The price is \$5 per print, 9 x 12 size. Allow 2 weeks for processing. For more information, contact Patty Price at [patp1406@gmail.com](mailto:patp1406@gmail.com).

**Call for Graduates**

If you or a family member will be graduating from high school or college in the Class of 2018, please submit the graduate’s name and school attended to Greg Paige at [gepaige@msn.com](mailto:gepaige@msn.com).



Graduates will be honored during worship service in June.

**Softball Schedule**

The JCC softball league season has begun and the JCC team won their first game – off to a good start! All games are played on Friday evenings at the West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South.

May 4	6:30 p.m.	Yellow field
May 11	7:30 p.m.	Green field
May 18	6:30 p.m.	Green field
June 1	7:30 p.m.	Yellow field
June 8	7:30 p.m.	Green field

A tournament will be held in June/July; more details to follow next month.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Jana Hansen      | Mas Horiuchi    | Mr. “C”         |
| Larry Harada     | Chris Miya      | Miki Harada     |
| Toshiko Marse    | Grace Matsumura | Wat Misaka      |
| Pastor Hanabusa  | Susan Fukushima | Kai Ronning     |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Kay Nakashima    | David Marse     |                 |

## Centennial Congratulatory Greetings Deadline is MAY 10!



Have you written a congratulatory greeting to appear in the Centennial commemorative book? In addition to a greeting, you can submit an ad "in memory" of a loved one.

Turn in your form to Julee Mori or send your greeting to [jjccherald@gmail.com](mailto:jjccherald@gmail.com). Small personal greetings are \$25, large greetings are \$45. Corporate or non-profit greetings are \$110. Copies of the form are located on the table in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall.

## Centennial Commemorative Book

The Centennial Commemorative Book highlighting the 100 years of history of the JCC is in production as we speak and we are now ready to begin taking pre-orders. At this time, the book is now up to almost 120 pages! The cost of the hardbound book is **\$50.00** (the same price as the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary book) and contains old black and white photos from the archives as well photos from Dennis Kuba and new full color pictures taken in the last twenty five years.

A limited number of books will be printed, so we are taking pre-orders. If you would like to reserve a copy, contact Patty Price at [patp1406@gmail.com](mailto:patp1406@gmail.com). An RSVP sheet will also be posted on the bulletin board.

## More Centennial News

More details on the Centennial Celebration upcoming in August:

A Celebration luncheon will be held on Saturday, August 25, 2018 at the Cottonwood Country Club. The cost of the luncheon is still to be determined; but will be finalized and announced in June.

On Sunday, August 26, a special worship service and dedication will be held. Please plan to join us at this special service and program.

Hold these dates; more detailed information to follow next month!

## Baby Congratulations!

Congratulations to Steven and Joni Foxley on the birth of their second son, Conner, on April 10, 2018! Big brother Graham loves his new baby bro!

## Ogden Union Depot Exhibition

A photo exhibition on World War II in Utah will be on display at the Union Pacific Depot in Ogden, UT until June 2, 2018. The exhibit features some photos of the Japanese and Japanese Americans that lived in and around the Ogden area during the war years. Wat Misaka, Raymond Uno, Alice Hirai, Dennis Kida, Curtis Oda, Tom Kano, Elsie Shiramizu and Shinji Ichida are included.

The Ogden Union Station is located on Wall Avenue and 25<sup>th</sup> Street in Ogden.

## Church Women United May Friendship Day

Friday, May 4, 2018  
9:30 Registration (\$1.00)  
10:00 Program  
Cottonwood Presbyterian Church  
1580 E Vine St (approx 6100 S in Murray)

Reaching for Wholeness in Gratitude for God's Presence  
Childhood hunger is one of the most important needs at the present time, and that is our focus of this program.  
Speaker: Gina Cornia, Ex Dir Utahns Against Hunger

Fellowship of the Least Coin—please bring your offering  
Outreach—Esther Williams Scholarship Fund

Lunch (\$5.00) Please RSVP to Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223.

## Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women Meet at JCC Wrap Up

*Submitted by Elaine Iwasaki*

With the theme "Building Bridges of Understanding," the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Utah met at the Japanese Church of Christ on April 13 and 14, 2018. We thank Karla Paige and her helpers for hosting the event and providing the Saturday lunch. Our thanks, too, to the Community of Grace women for providing the Friday night dinner.

Featured speakers included Rev. Nancy Holve, minister of the Richfield Presbyterian Church, and Marilyn Collins, Sacred Spaces. Rev. Holve shared her experiences from the 2017 Global Mission Exchange to Indonesia. Ms. Collins presented a workshop to educate attendees in awareness, understanding, and help for those who suffer sexual abuse and gender based violence. The gathering closed with election/installation of new officers, a worship service and communion.

**May 2018 - Worship Service Participants**

	May 6	Mother's Day May 13	May 20	Memorial Day Service May 27
<b>Liturgist</b>	Lynne Crabbe	Ron Nishijima	Greg Paige	Laura Olson
<b>Scripture Readers</b>	E) Bob Jones J) Shigeko Ota	E) Carson Kawabata J) Misako Bowker	E) Zach Paige J) Yoko DeRose	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Yeiko Homma
<b>Greeter</b>	Michiko Kenmotsu	Sadie Yoshimura	Karla Paige	Wilma Kimura
<b>Ushers</b>	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Lorraine Crouse Al Kubota	Karen Okawa Jan Aramaki
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Keiko Ikeda	Yoko DeRose	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima
<b>Offeratory Music</b>	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
<b>Acolyte</b>	---	---	---	---
<b>CommunionServers</b>	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
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\*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

**JCC May Calendar**

- Taiko practice every Monday and Friday evening, 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1: JCC Remodel Committee Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 1: Session Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, May 6: Communion Service, 10:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 6: JCC Centennial Committee Meeting, noon
- Sunday, May 13: Mother's Day Brunch before worship service, 8:30 a.m.
- Sunday, May 27: Memorial Day Service, 10:30 a.m.
- (Note: Parking – possible Jazz playoff games this month. TBD.)

**May Community Events**

- **Saturday, May 5, 2018:** Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Dharma School, 211 West 100 South, at noon.
- **Friday – Sunday, May 18 through 20, 2018:** Living Traditions Festival – sponsored by the Salt Lake City Arts Council, at SLC and County building, and Library Square. Admission free to the public. See [livingtraditionsfestival.com](http://livingtraditionsfestival.com) for more information.
- **Sunday, May 27, 2018:** Memorial Veterans Service at City Cemetery, sponsored by the JAACL Chapters. (Time information not available at press time, so will be announced from the pulpit.)

### Easter Recap

Maundy Thursday worship took place on Thursday, March 29. Pastor Brad gave a brief sermon and explanation of what the Last Supper Seder Meal represents, then the attendees partook of the meal. Thanks to everyone who furnished items for the Seder Meal.

Easter began with a hearty breakfast prepared by the Men’s Fellowship; thank you to all who woke up early to cook. After breakfast, the traditional egg hunt took place, complete with a visit from the Easter Bunny!



Doug Murakami, Hiro Iwasaki and Jerry Mori, part of the Easter breakfast short order crew.



Grandpa Rick Aoki and grandson Graham Foxley. Photo courtesy: Allyn Nakashima

It was nice to see such a nice group attend worship service! As it was the first Sunday of the month, communion was also served that day. The traditional Easter photo was taken in front of the chapel (thanks as usual to our photographer, Frank Ujifusa), followed by coffee fellowship. It was a beautiful spring day to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior!

### Nihon Matsuri Recap

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with Nihon Matsuri! Since the festival took a break in 2017, there was a great community turnout to welcome it back this year and the weather cooperated too!

The JCC sold sushi, manju, onigiri and mini mochi in the booth this year. Our chapel also hosted the popular tea ceremony demonstration.

Thanks to everyone who helped in preparation and set up – there are too many to mention, but know that your contributions of time and effort are truly appreciated.



Thomas Mori, Rick Aoki and Alex Okawa in the JCC food tent.



Ken Yamane, Steve Fukumitsu and Judy Iwamoto enjoy a day in the sun.