

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

Last week I became reacquainted with a remarkable but simple spiritual discipline that has been of value to followers of Jesus for centuries, known as Lectio Divina, aka divine reading or prayerful reading. The purpose is to engage the Biblical text in such a manner that the reader is able to meet with God in a deeper way than through typical Bible reading.

There are traditionally 5 phases to this practice; and while they are not hard and fast "rules", each step builds upon the other and so it is wise to stay true to the spirit of this discipline. Before I list the steps, I should caution that this approach should not be used in some mystical sense or as a means of emptying the mind thru meditation. Rather, "The Christian should use the Scriptures to pursue the knowledge of God, wisdom, and holiness through the objective meaning of the text with the aim of transforming the mind according to truth."

- Step 1. Silencio – Taking a few minutes to prepare yourself quietly for meeting with God.
- Step 2. Lectio – Reading the Bible passage slowly several times.
- Step 3. Meditatio – Reflecting on the text of the passage and thinking about how it applies to your own life.
- Step 4. Oratio – Praying the scripture passage back to God, asking Him to reveal His truth and His will to you.
- Step 5. Contemplatio – Listening to God; not for an audible voice, but rather quietly waiting on our Lord to stir within You a greater sense of how to apply this passage to your life.

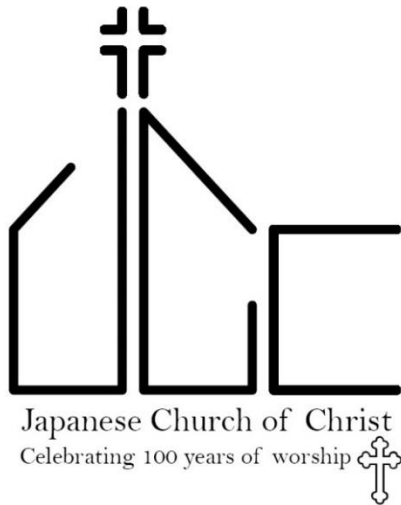
Once again, one must be careful to not seek an "experience" but instead see this exercise as a way to quiet oneself before God and think deeply on His revealed truths. I've given just a thumbnail sketch of each step. But as long as we understand the spirit of the discipline, I believe this can help us to grow deeply in our relationship with our Savior.

May God Bless You Richly,
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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Website: www.jccslc.net

Mother’s Day Celebration

Honor “Mom” on **Sunday, May 12, 2019** and enjoy a continental brunch sponsored by the Men’s group – from **8:30 to 10:30 a.m.**



Light a Candle

The annual Memorial weekend candle lighting service will be held on **Sunday, May 26, 2019**. During worship service, light a candle in remembrance of beloved family members and friends.

Calling All 2019 Graduates

If you are a High School or College Senior (or know someone that is) that will be graduating in the Class of 2019, submit your name by **May 19** to Greg Paige at gepaige@msn.com. All graduates will be honored next month during worship service.



JCC Rummage Sale

Circle **Saturday, May 18, 2019** on your calendar for the JCC Rummage Sale! Hours will be from **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** All proceeds from the sale go toward the Fellowship Hall remodeling project.

There will be two sale locations:

- **“North”** - JCC Fellowship Hall, 211 West 100 South
All items will be priced at \$20 or less at this location.
- **“South”** - 5151 South 900 East Murray, UT (Office complex parking lot, east side of 900 East)
Items include housewares, clothing, larger items, furnishings.

Start your spring cleaning and gather “gently used” items to sell at this sale. Drop your donations off at the church by **Sunday, May 12**. (For larger items or to drop off at the “South” location, contact Julee Mori, Karen Okawa or Karla Paige.)

We also need volunteers to help with set up and selling at the event! Contact Laura, Suzanne, Karen, Karla or Julee.

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Jana Hansen | Mas Horiuchi | Miki Harada |
| Larry Harada | Chris Miya | Wat Misaka |
| Toshiko Marse | Susan Fukushima | Kai Ronning |
| Yolie LaFontaine | Steve Fukushima | Marie Matsukawa |
| Kay Nakashima | Susan Rosvall | Saeko Nakashima |
| Kenta Naraoka | Tracy Barnes | Sumiko Rosvall |
| Hata Family | | |



WVCFFC Christian Softball League Schedule

The JCC softball team schedule is out! Games are held at West Valley City Recreation Center, 5415 West 3100 South, West Valley, UT. Come out and cheer the team on!

- Friday, May 3 - 7:30 p.m. Yellow field
- Friday, May 10 - 8:30 p.m. Yellow field
- Friday, May 17 - 8:30 p.m. Purple field
- Friday, May 31 - 6:30 p.m. Yellow field
- Friday, June 7 - 7:30 p.m. Yellow field
- Friday, June 14 - 6:30 p.m. Purple field
- Friday, June 21 - 8:30 p.m. Green field

Easter Photo Reprints

Reprints of the annual group Easter 2019 photo can be ordered this month. Please check the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall entrance where proofs of the photos will be posted later this month. An order sheet will also be posted – indicate the number/letter of the proof that you want to order, your name and quantity. Cost of each reprint is **\$5.00**. If you have questions, contact **Patty Price** at **patp1406@gmail.com**.

Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration

Friday, May 3

9:30 a.m. Registration (\$1.00)

10:00 Program & Lunch (\$5.00)

Calvary Baptist Church
1090 South State, SLC

- *"The Time is NOW – Agree to Differ"*
- Keynote Speaker: Monica Rich
- Emergency Assist/Volunteer Coordinator St. Vincent de Paul Center
- Fellowship of the Least Coin Offering and Dedication
- Outreach—Esther Williams Scholarship Fund
- Offering to support local and state Church Women United Programs
- Please make checks payable to CWU —on memo line designate where you want the money to go

RSVP for lunch to Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, April 29

Pack it Up!

With the upcoming Rummage Sale on May 18, it is the perfect time to begin packing up, tossing, and consolidating items in the Fellowship Hall – kitchen, foyer, stage – in anticipation of the remodeling project when we will need to empty cabinets and closets so that work can take place. Stay tuned this month; we will be in need of volunteers to help!

Easter 2019

The Holy Week events this year started with Palm Sunday, April 14 as the Sunday School children began the worship service with a processional of palm leaves.

Maundy Thursday was celebrated on April 18 commemorating the Last Supper. A short worship service was held, followed by the Seder Meal. Thanks to all who brought items for the dinner.

Easter Sunday, April 21, was full of activities. The Men's group (thanks to Jerry Mori for chairing) served the annual Easter breakfast; a hearty spread to start the day with eggs, hash browns (prepared to perfect crispiness by Hiro), Portuguese sausage, ham, toast, coffee and juice.

The Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt began just before worship service as children quickly filled their baskets with treats. (Hopefully all of the hard boiled eggs were found!)

Worship service began with the Sunday School children placing bouquets of flowers and palm leaves on the cross which graced the pulpit. Beautiful music was provided by the JCC and Nichigo choirs. It was great to see the entire chapel filled to hear Pastor Brad's sermon.

Following worship service, the traditional group Easter photo was taken and didn't get rained out as was originally forecasted (thanks to Frank Ujifusa for climbing that ladder again!). Everyone then joined in the Fellowship Hall for coffee fellowship treats.

Thanks also to the Deacons and other volunteers for delivering Easter lilies to the shut-ins and in remembrance of loved ones that have passed this year.

See the photos on Page 5 and Page 6 of this newsletter as well as additional photos posted on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Ron Nishijima, Frank Ujifusa, Maurika Croft, Jan Aramaki and Lorraine Crouse for taking pictures.

May 2019 - Worship Service Participants

	May 5	Mother's Day May 12	May 19	Memorial Day May 26
Liturgist	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Patty Price	Hiro Iwasaki
Scripture Readers	E) Carson Kawabata J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Alison Cheung J) Yoko Azuma	E) Zach Paige J) Misako Bowker	E) Pauline Vosburgh J) Keiko Ikeda
Greeter	Wilma Kimura	Sadie Yoshimura	Karla Paige	Dorthie Conway
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Al Kubota Lorraine Crouse	Chris Lund Mary Tabata	Karen Okawa Jan Aramaki
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	Daniel Cheung	Greg Paige	Yoko DeRose
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---

*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC May Calendar

JCC May 2019 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 -Taiko practice, 6pm	4
5 -Communion, 10:30am	6 -Taiko practice, 6pm	7	8	9	10 -Taiko practice, 6pm	11
12 MOTHER'S DAY -Continental Breakfast, 8:30am	13 -Taiko practice, 6pm	14 -Fellowship Hall Remodel, 4:30pm -Session, 6pm	15	16	17 -Taiko practice, 6pm	18 -RUMMAGE SALE, 8am to 2pm
19	20 -Taiko practice, 6pm	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kit, 11:15 am	22	23	24 -Taiko practice, 6pm	25 -Herald deadline, noon
26 MEMORIAL Candle Lighting Service 10:30am	27 MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31	

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 4/29/19.

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

May Community Events

- **Saturday, May 4, 2019:** Nikkei Senior Center luncheon sponsored by the Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Dharma School, 211 West 100 South, at noon.
- **Friday – Sunday, May 17 through 19, 2019:** 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 for more information.
- **Sunday, May 26, 2018:** Memorial Veterans Service at City Cemetery, sponsored by the JACL Chapters. (Time information not available at press time, so will be announced from the pulpit.)

Easter Celebration Wrap Up

As always, it takes a lot of effort and planning in the background to prepare the Seder Meal and Easter breakfast, coordinate the worship service, flowers, arrange the cross and centerpieces, and plan the egg hunt among many tasks. We are so blessed to have individuals step up to make Easter a special time for us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus.

He is Risen!



Laura Olson and Suzanne Hata make pre-Easter preparations.



Bob Jones prepares scrambled eggs for the Easter breakfast.



Pastor Brad gives a sermonette to the Sunday School children on Palm Sunday.



In front of a full chapel, the Sunday School children place flowers on the cross as the congregation sings Alleluia!



Yoko and Kiara DeRose celebrate Maundy Thursday.

See more Easter photos on the bulletin board in the foyer of the Fellowship Hall!



Laura Olson and Jana Hansen



Nora Croft examines her bouquet.



Hiro Iwasaki and Paul DeRose haul out the ladder for the annual Easter photo.



Seder Diners: (clockwise) Elaine Iwasaki, Betty Kubota, Laura Olson, Keri and Brad Kramer, Hiro Iwasaki celebrate Maundy Thursday.



Sunday School children after the hunt for chocolate bunnies and hard boiled eggs.



Sherrie Garcia, Tomoko Moses and Suzanne Hata at Nihon Matsuri exhibit on 4/27/19.