

# The HERALD Newsletter

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## Worship Schedule:

Canceled until further notice  
due to COVID-19 pandemic.

## Pastor's Message

November 2020

When you read next month's issue of The Herald, we may have a new President...or maybe not. One thing on which I think we can all agree is that it will be a relief to finally have this election season over with. I cannot remember a political "battle" that has been so ugly and discouraging. And most regrettably, many Christians have been fighting dirty in this culture war. Instead of Civility, we have rancor, contempt, and condescension.

I am very concerned as to what happens post-election: Will we continue to treat one another poorly? Or will the animosity and vitriol escalate?

I've heard various pundits say this is the most important election in our country's history. That may be true. But of even greater importance is how we as Christians behave in the aftermath of this political contest.

In other words, how will we conduct ourselves toward others who do not share our political or theological view? How will we respond if our political candidate is defeated?

As always the Bible offers solid principles to guide us. I ask that you slowly read and contemplate the following verses, and know I am doing the same. During these past few months I have sometimes behaved in an ungodly manner when provoked by something I have seen or heard through the media. I want that to stop; and the best way to accomplish that goal is to immerse myself in the ever-timely word of God. Please join me in allowing the light of God's truth to penetrate our hearts and change our behavior.

### Romans 13:1

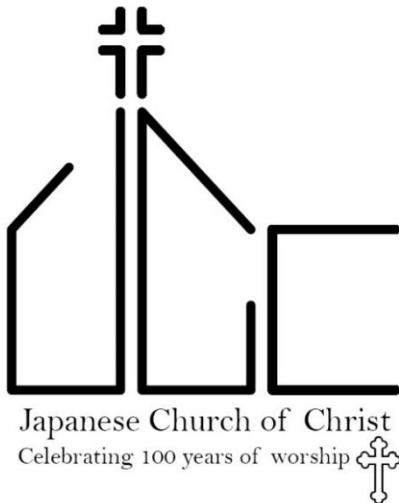
Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those, which exist, are established by God.

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**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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**Pastor's Message (continued from Page 1)**1 Peter 2:12

Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God in the day of visitation.

1 Peter 3:8-9

To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead;

James 1:19

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;

Romans 12:17-18

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.

Matthew 5:9

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

May God Bless You Richly,

Pastor Brad

**Take the Survey!**

The JCC Task Force has created a survey to send out to church members, in the hopes that you will share your thoughts and concerns on when the time comes for JCC to reopen its doors. The survey is available online.

**NOTE:** Those that receive the electronic version of the Herald will receive a separate email with a direct link to the survey.

The survey participation deadline is **November 30, 2020**. For those that do not have email or access to the survey online will receive a phone call to participate.

**Daylight Savings Time Reminder**

Remember, Daylight Savings Time is on **Sunday, November 1, 2020**. Set your clock **BACK** one hour (Spring Forward – Fall Back), so you will get an extra hour of sleep!

**Remember in Your Prayers**

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Toshiko Marse	Chris Miya	Kai Ronning
Kenta Naraoka	Susan Fukushima	Marie Matsukawa
Toy Shimizu	Steve Fukushima	Tracy Barnes
Betty Morishita	Susan Rosvall	Saeko Nakashima
Frank Imai	Sumiko Rosvall	Miiko Toelken

## Operation Christmas Child

Remember, the due date for shoeboxes is **November 16**. If you would like to fill a shoebox, contact Karla Paige and she will drop off a box or boxes to you.



With the global pandemic, the shoeboxes are needed this year more than ever.

Or if you would like to sponsor only the postage for a box, you may send a check for \$9, check payable to Samaritan's Purse and mail it to JCC. We will forward your check.

Another option is to make a donation online. For a **\$25** donation (credit card or PayPal), you can build a shoebox online! Go to: <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/>

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## Our Daily Bread

The winter edition of Our Daily Bread is available. If you would like a copy sent to you, email the JCC website with your name and address.

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## Deacons Activities

If you or someone you know needs assistance and support during this pandemic, please do not hesitate to call one of the Deacons. We are at your service to run errands to the grocery store, pharmacy, or other places; provide food; or any other requests. The current Deacons are: Jan Aramaki, Misako Bowker, Jean Kobayashi, Julee Mori, Karen Okawa and Akiko Oki.

Deacons volunteered at a recent flu shot vaccination event. A few members have been unpacking the kitchenware that has been in storage for the past year during the Fellowship Hall remodel.

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## Happy Thanksgiving!

This Thanksgiving will be different for all of us this year, as we practice safety precautions due to the pandemic. Although we will miss being with family and friends at a large celebration, take the time to be thankful for all He has provided for us during this trying time.




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## Japantown Update

Members of the local Japanese American community attended a Zoom Community Event on October 17 to discuss a design strategy for Japantown Street (100 South between 200 and 300 West). All of the materials from that meeting, including a recording of the event on the Salt Lake RDA website are found here:

<http://slcrda.com/japantownstreet/>

The consulting firm GSBS Consulting has encouraged us to pass this link on to family and friends. At the end of the meeting presentation and recording, there is a short survey about the design concepts that your feedback is requested.

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## Zoom Bible Study and Coffee

Remember, Zoom Bible Study is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. This year we are studying the book of Genesis. After the class, you are invited to stay and participate in Zoom Coffee Fellowship! "Breakout" rooms will be set up for participants to visit with each other. Just bring your own cup of coffee!

Go to the JCC website, [jccslc.net](http://jccslc.net) and click on "Online Bible Studies Instructions" from the home page. There you will find installation instructions for various devices (iPad, iPhone, Android, etc.) and browsers. Then email [jccherald\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:jccherald@gmail.com) to request an invitation to join the meeting. Also be sure to include your email address in the message.

Before Sunday, Greg Paige will send an "invitation" to you via email to join the meeting. He also sends a list of biblical references to look up. On Sunday morning at **9:30 a.m.**, click the link in the invitation or enter the Meeting ID number found in Greg's email and then you will join the bible study. The class lasts one hour.