

The HERALD Newsletter

Japanese Church of Christ

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Pastoral Message

May 2022

What does it mean to be Japanese? What does it mean to be American? Those are some of the questions I am asking myself as I begin my ministry with the Japanese Church of Christ. The Apostle Paul makes clear, that as Christians we ought to wear national identities lightly, because “they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world.” John 17:16

I know what it means to be “the other”. I grew up as part of the Protestant minority in the largely Catholic area of Cologne, Germany. Then we moved to Utah and swapped the Catholics for the Mormons. I know what it means to speak one language in the home and a different one pretty much everywhere else. I have only gotten a tiny sample of JCC life in my first week, but already I can tell, that the experience of this church feels familiar: In my first meeting with the session, members called in from California and New York. The governing body of this Salt Lake congregation spans the entire continent! But it does not stop there. Of course, the hearts and minds of many find parts of their identity across the ocean. And so it is for me, albeit the other ocean. My family also has regular video calls, where people log on from different parts of Germany and the United States.

I want to thank the members of the session for their cooperative spirit and eagerness to move JCC forward. In that spirit, they hired me as interim pastor to help JCC to refocus on what it needs to be, know, and do to best serve God’s kingdom. I’m excited to get started and dig into all aspects of church life. Please feel free to reach out to me with any concerns.

Blessings
Rev. Daniel Haas, BCC

Welcome Reverend Daniel Haas

On Easter Sunday, Reverend Daniel Haas was introduced as the JCC interim pastor.

Rev. Haas grew up in Germany. At four years old, he knew the Japanese names for his Judo throws before he even learned to read and write in his native German language. In divinity school he met now-Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior, our Executive Presbyter at the Presbytery of Utah. The two of them moved from Germany to Utah in 2008, when Rev. Haas served at the Provo Community United Church of Christ. He just finished an interim pastorate for an American Baptist congregation and is currently on active duty orders as an Army chaplain at Fort Douglas at the U. They live in Murray with their three children: Marie, Phoebe, and Ben.



Rev. Haas has extensive experience not only as a pastor in a diverse array of congregations, but also as a military chaplain and a chaplain in various health care settings. He is also ordained through the United Church of Christ (UCC), which is part of JCC's dual denominational affiliation (along with the Presbyterian Church USA, or PCUSA). We believe both of these things will speak to JCC in a special way.

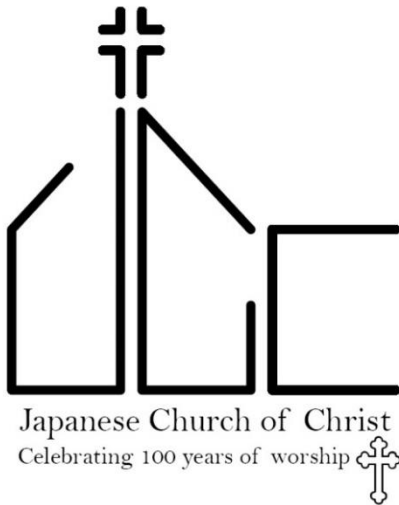
Rev. Haas will serve as a part time interim pastor with JCC. An interim pastor is invited by a church to preach the Word, administer the Sacraments, and fulfill pastoral duties for a specified period while the church is seeking a pastor. The interim pastor is the pastor between installed pastors. Even though the installed pastor has left, life goes on in the particular church and pastoral duties need to go on. Yet, an interim pastor is more than just a “fill-in-the-gaps” person. The interim pastor is a specialist in transitions.

This is one step in laying the groundwork for our mission study process to discern where God is calling JCC moving forward. Rev. Haas will assist with this mission study process; however, the success of the mission study depends on all of us praying and coming together to seek God's will for the church.

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

Memorial Day Service

The annual Memorial Day Candle Lighting Service will be held on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.** in the JCC chapel. During the service, you can light candles in remembrance of beloved family members and friends.

Job Announcement – JCC Office Administrator

As of April 20, 2022

The Japanese Church of Christ (JCC) seeks an Office Administrator to manage the administrative workings of the church. We seek an individual who is: organized, responsive, pays attention to detail, is a self-starter, works well with people and is familiar with basic office practices and word processing.

Weekly hours are approximately 4 to 5 hours. Additional annual and occasional tasks will require additional time as necessary. A hybrid schedule of working at the church located at 268 W 100 S, Salt Lake City, and remotely is possible. Salary depends on qualifications.

Contact Lynne Ward, Elder for Personnel at [lynnenward \[at\] yahoo \[dot\] com](mailto:lynnenward@yahoo.com) to apply. The position will be filled as soon as possible.

Call for Class of 2022 Graduates

If you are a High School or College Senior (or know someone that is) that will be graduating in the Class of 2022, submit the graduate's name by **May 22, 2022** to Greg Paige at [gpaige1 \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:gpaige1@gmail.com).



Graduates will be honored in June.

Memorial Day Veteran's Day Service

The Memorial weekend service to honor Japanese American veterans will be held at the upper section of the Salt Lake Cemetery on **Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.** All are invited.

The service is held at the Monument dedicated to the Japanese Americans whose lives were lost in battle during World War II (951 East 11th Avenue, just west of the Salt Lake Memorial Mausoleum). This is a coordinated effort of the Salt Lake, Mt Olympus, and Wasatch Front North JAACL Chapters and all three of the Japanese churches: Dai Ichi Ward, SL Buddhist Temple, and JCC.

Remember in Your Prayers

If you wish to be added or know of someone that should be added or removed from this list, please email the JCC website, jccslc.net. Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Saeko Nakashima | Toshiko Marse | Susan Rosvall |
| Susan Fukushima | Kenta Naraoka | Sumiko Rosvall |
| Steve Fukushima | Betty Morishita | Chris Miya |
| Robin Sueoka Puri | Jason L. Moses | Sumi Arakaki |
| Lillian Nakamura | Dorthie Conway | Kai Ronning |

Church Women United Event

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Church Women United May Friendship Day Celebration 2022.

When: Friday, May 6, 2022 (1st Friday)

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Where: Calvary Baptist Church, 1090 S. State (SLC)

Theme: "It's Up To You in 2022 – A Call to Serve"

A Tribute to Esther Williams

Registration: \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Annual FLC: Fellowship of the Least Coin Collection / Dedication

Potential Speakers: Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Recipients

Community Outreach: The CWU Esther Williams Scholarship Fund Make checks payable to "Church Women United" and note "Scholarship Fund"

Offering: Used for CWU State and Local

Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: "Church Women United"

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, May 2.

This is a wonderful ecumenical gathering and an opportunity to learn and grow spiritually and personally. Hope to see you there.

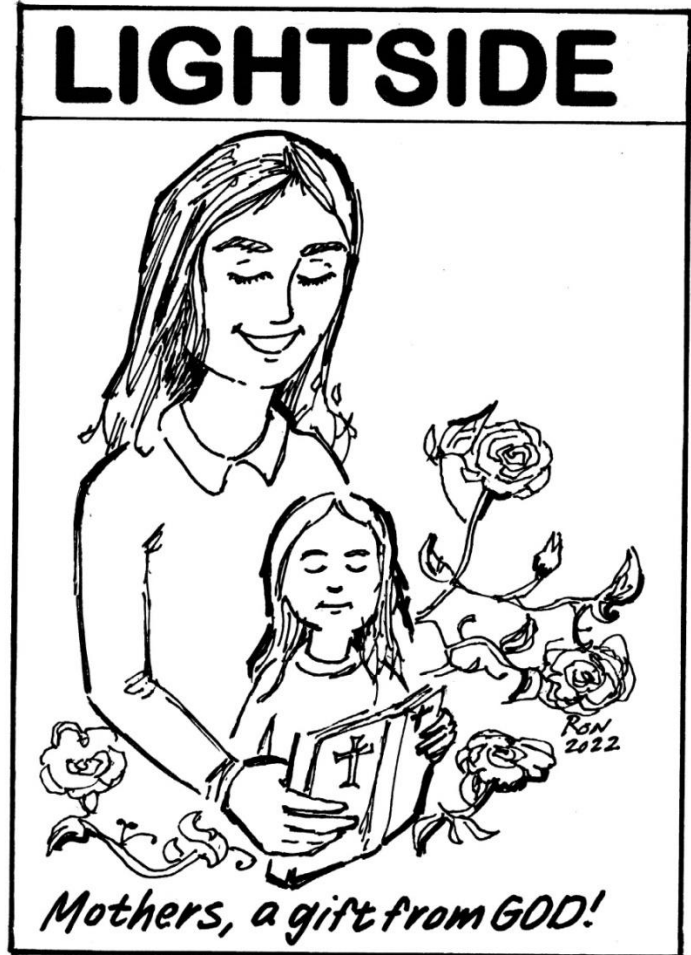
Resuming Japanese Language Classes

Before our closure in September 2021, Tomoko Moses taught Japanese language classes each Sunday after worship service. Now that the JCC has re-opened face-to-face, is there interest in resuming these classes? There are two classes –an intermediate/advanced class (immersion) and a beginner's class. The classes are free; Tomoko is generously volunteering her time.

If you are interested in attending class and learning Japanese, please email [jccherald \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:jccherald@gmail.com) and indicate beginner or intermediate/advanced.

Our Daily Bread – Summer Issue

The "Our Daily Bread" for the months of June, July and August 2022 are now available. Copies will be available at church, or email [jccherald \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:jccherald@gmail.com) to have one mailed to you.



PAAM Ministries Sunday

April 24 celebrated Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries (PAAM) Sunday. PAAM was organized in 1974 to unite Pacific Islanders and Asian Americans in the United Church of Christ and move forward at the national, regional, and local levels sharing our unique gifts with one another. PAAM continues to address institutional racism within the church and society, is concerned with issues of human rights and justice, and helps to support and strengthen clergy and lay leadership at the local level.

The worship service on the 24th featured offertory music from the Tongan Wesleyan church choir. Beautiful music to celebrate the day!

A Clean Thank You!

A church cleanup was performed on Saturday, April 9. A special thank you to the Tongan congregation who helped with heavy lifting and cleaning of the chapel. The Kachin congregation also came to help sanitize chairs in the hall and cleaned our windows inside and out. Thank you to those from our JCC congregation that came to assist with many tasks that helped prepare our church for a wonderful Easter Sunday. Focus on the chapel cleaning was done in preparation for renovations being proposed for this year. Thanks to Steve Fukumitsu for organizing the event.

Centenary Methodist Rummage Sale

Centenary Methodist (UMW) is holding their annual rummage sale on **Saturday, May 7, 2022** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Donations can be dropped off May 2-5 from 9:30 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 1740 South 500 East in Salt Lake City.

Food Handlers Class

The Salt Lake Buddhist Temple has scheduled a food handlers' class through the state health department. It will be held on **Sunday, May 22, 2022** at noon at the Temple. The cost of the class is \$30. Anyone involved in food preparation or serving for mass gatherings, such as fundraisers and festivals, must have an individual permit. It is good for 3 years.

Email [jccherald \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:jccherald@gmail.com) to sign up for the class.

Lake Tahoe Retreat Update

The Lake Tahoe Retreat committee has shared that all rooms were booked early. However, registrations are still being accepted; but you will be placed on a waiting list. Questions? Contact Jan Aramaki (801) 718-2006 or [mcj925 \[at\] gmail \[dot\] com](mailto:mcj925@gmail.com).

Chase Home Museum Exhibit

The Chase Home Museum of Utah Folk Arts will feature an exhibition on Japanese folk art and Salt Lake City's Japantown entitled "*Japantown in the Heart of Salt Lake City*" from **April 29 through June 30, 2022**. The exhibit will feature Japanese art forms from local artists as well as displays on Salt Lake City's former Japantown and plans for the future.

Hours at the museum are Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and admission is free. The museum is located in the middle of Liberty Park. To visit, enter the park from either 900 or 1300 South and follow signs to the parking lots near the center of the park. From each parking lot, there are sidewalks leading to the museum.



JCC May 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 COMMUNION	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 MOTHER'S DAY -Deacons Meeting, 11:30am	9	10	11 -Session Meeting, 6pm	12	13	14 -Parking, Loveloud Festival, 4pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 -"Our Lost Years" film screening, 10:30am
22 -Food Handlers Class at Buddhist Temple, noon	23	24	25 -Parking, Eagles Concert, 8pm	26	27	28 -Herald Deadline
29 Veterans Memorial Service, 8:30am Memorial Day Service, 10:30am	30 MEMORIAL DAY	31	NOTE: May parking schedule may change if the Utah Jazz advance to the second or third round playoff games.			

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 4/25/2022.

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

Easter 2022 Wrap Up

After two years of no traditional Easter worship service, we were finally able to be together face-to-face to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior conducted an uplifting worship service celebrating this special day. Thanks to all those who helped with the preparation of the floral cross and to the Easter Bunny’s helpers who provided Easter treats for the children.



Photographer Frank Ujifusa directs the group photo while Thomas Mori and Mark Ward anchor him down!



Frank didn't fall after all! (Lynne Ward and Al Kubota alongside)



Yeiko and Victor Homma arrive for worship service.



Children await their turn to decorate the floral cross.



Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior gives the Easter message.



Egg Hunt

Photo credits: Jan Aramaki, Lynne Ward, Karen Okawa, Lorraine Crouse



Salt Lake City JACL, Mount Olympus Chapter JACL, Wasatch
Front North Chapter JACL and the Japanese Church of Christ proudly presents

our lost years

A NEW AMERICAN FILM WRITTEN & DIRECTED BY LANE NISHIKAWA

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2022

10:30 am

Q&A and reception to follow with Special Guest, Lane Nishikawa

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ADMISSION: FREE

