

## The HERALD Newsletter

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**In-person worship services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

The weekly sermons may also be viewed at [www.jccslc.net](http://www.jccslc.net).

### Pastoral Message June 2022



#### A sea-faring Japanese was my ancestor

“Remember Mother’s Day 2022? That was when Mama fell up the stairs in church while preaching. We had to call Papa who was preaching at JCC to take her to the hospital because she broke her pinkie.” That is going to be one of our family’s legacy stories that my children might tell their children. And the JCC family was witness to one side of it. Family is about the stories we tell about ourselves. The broken pinkie story has a simple morale: “we show up for one another in a supportive way.” Some stories are more complex and take longer than a broken pinkie needs to heal. Family and church share this feature that stories make us who we are. That is why it is so important to invest in making memories together. They do not all have to be “good” memories, they may involve broken bones; but they help us make meaning of our relationships and create our culture.

In June, our JCC family is investing a lot of energy into making Father’s Day memorable: there will be an all-church outing and picnic in the Park. We are intentional about sharing time and food in a relaxed setting and there, we will share stories and make new memories. Part of the appeal is that we will have special access to the Japantown exhibit at the Chase Home Museum in Liberty Park. Our stories are woven into the fabric of much bigger stories: the story of Japantown as it grew in the early 20th century, the stories of Japanese families arriving in California, the stories of families living in Japan to this day.

God’s people have always been on the move like that: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.” (Deuteronomy 26:5) That is also how we are going to approach our mission study to determine the future direction of the JCC family: We come from Japanese stories of “Peace”, embark on a journey together in one ship, to live into our Christian identity symbolized by the fish.

Blessings,

Rev. Daniel Haas, BCC  
Cell 801-368-1180

### Father’s Day at Liberty Park

This year’s Father’s Day worship service will be held at the Chase Home Museum of Utah Folk Art in **Liberty Park** on **Sunday, June 19**, at **10:30 a.m.** The museum is located in the middle of Liberty Park. (See map and directions on Page 3 of this newsletter.)

Because of COVID precautions, there will not be the traditional potluck lunch afterwards. Instead, Korean bento boxes will be available for pre-order (\$15). A sign up sheet with menu choices will be posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. (Deadline for orders is June 14.) Or you may bring your own picnic lunch for you and your family. Bottled water will be provided.

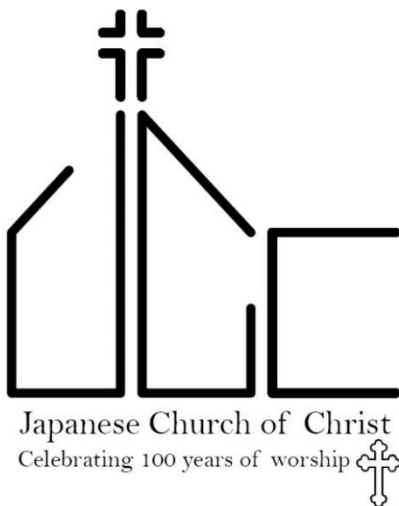
As mentioned in last month’s Herald, the Chase Home Museum is currently displaying an exhibit entitled “Japantown, in the Heart of Salt Lake City”. The museum is not normally open on Sundays, but we have been given special access to the facility (thanks to Jean Irwin) to allow us to view the exhibit, some who may not have a chance to see it otherwise. Honor dad on this day with our special worship service, lunch, and museum visit. Afterwards, just enjoy the day relaxing or walking in the park or visiting Tracy Aviary (also located in Liberty Park).



**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



**THE HERALD**

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**Clerk of Session: Daniel Cheung**

**Session**

- Lorraine Crouse - Worship
- Steve Fukumitsu - Building and Grounds
- Yoko DeRose - Nichigo
- Allyn Nakashima - Education
- Pauline Vosburgh - Finance
- Lynne Ward - Personnel
- Gary Nakao - Membership, Stewardship

**Deacons**

- Karen Okawa (moderator), Jan Aramaki, Julee Mori, Laura Olson, Elaine Iwasaki, Elise Mori, Yuri Uyeda

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**Class of 2022 Graduates**

Congratulations to our college graduates!



**Elizabeth Ward** – University of Utah, magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in Political Science and minors in each of Economics and Environmental Studies.

**Katie Fukumitsu** – University of Utah, magna cum laude, B.S. in Business Operations and Supply Chain Management.

**Keaton Yoshinaga** – University of Utah, major in Film and Media Arts and a minor in Entrepreneurship.

Our graduates will be honored on **Sunday, June 12** during worship service.

**Pride Parade Street Closure**

The Utah Pride Parade will occur on **Sunday, June 5** and some downtown streets will be blocked for the parade including 100 South. We should have street access to the church, but it is recommended to enter the church parking lot from the **300 West** entrance (just north of the Struve building.) Be aware that you should plan for additional time to get to and leave church that day.

**New Office Manager**

The opening for Office Manager has been filled. Please welcome Liz Arizmendi to the JCC. Liz currently works full-time in Human Resources at Fort Douglas Army Reserve Base and will be working on a part-time basis for the JCC. She started on May 23.

A very belated thank you to Betty Kubota who served as the JCC office manager for so many years!

**Stay Safe**

Just a friendly reminder, but if you have the sniffles or any cold/flu like symptoms, please err on the side of caution and stay home.

Remember that the latest worship service video is posted on YouTube weekly and can be accessed from the [jccslc.net](http://jccslc.net) home page. The weekly adult Bible Study can be accessed via Zoom. Contact Greg Paige to be added to the Zoom link invitation.

**Remember in Your Prayers**

To respect individual privacy, if there is a name to be added to this prayer list, the person must first give permission to have his/her own name published. Email the JCC website, [jccslc.net](http://jccslc.net). If you wish to be removed from the list, please contact us as well.

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            |
| People of Ukraine | Debbie Homma    | Uvalde Texas community |

**Map of Liberty Park**

Here is a map to the Museum of Utah Folk Arts (Chase Home Museum) at Liberty Park for the Father’s Day worship service on **June 19**. Liberty Park is located between 9<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> South and 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> East.

To reach the museum, enter the park from 9<sup>th</sup> South and follow the one-way street around the west side of the park. Midway through the park, watch for a small directional sign to the tennis courts and Museum of Utah Folk Arts. Just before the tennis courts, turn left into the parking lot, park your car and follow the sidewalks leading to the museum. For those that need to be dropped off closer to the building, there is a service access path available as well.

For those who would like to meet at church and park your car there, be at church no later than **10:00 a.m. sharp** and we can carpool to Liberty Park.



**Community Events**

June 27 through July 7 - Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Obon Festival dance practices, 7:00 p.m. (The Obon Festival is on July 9.)



**Taiko Party**

On April 30, members of the Kenshin Taiko threw a party in appreciation of Laura Olson’s years of dedication and contribution to the group.



Laura is presented with flowers and cake (yes, the taiko drum is a cake!) Photo courtesy: Sarah Gregorio

## Japanese Classes to Resume

Tomoko Moses will resume her Japanese language classes beginning on **Sunday, June 12 at noon**. This time the class will be merged; both beginning and intermediate/advanced in one class. Please join! The class is free.

## Session Report – May 2022 Meeting

Beginning this month, the Session will include a brief summary of its meeting minutes in the Herald. Our hope is that the JCC community can feel looped in on the many different things that are happening at the church. We hope to be fully transparent and open, especially as we begin the mission study process and the search for a new pastor. If you ever have any questions, thoughts, or suggestions, please reach out to any member of the Session!

The Session held a hybrid meeting on May 9, 2022. Pastor Daniel led a devotional reminding us of the anxiety of the unknown that came before the joyful discovery of the Easter resurrection.

**Old business:** Allyn followed up on discussions regarding Session oversight of the Kenshin Taiko group, and Allyn will meet with the group's leadership this month.

Steve presented estimates for needed repairs and maintenance for parts of the chapel. The Session voted to recommend to the Trustees that the HVAC system be upgraded, and that additional repairs and updates be presented to the congregation in June.

The Session discussed the thank you and farewell event for Pastor Kramer and will work with the Deacons to arrange an event in the summer.

**New business:** The Session discussed the joys and challenges of returning to in-person services. Allyn noted that public health is now treating COVID as an endemic disease and the continued importance of vaccination. The Session voted to continue existing precautions and follow up with the task force on phasing out certain precautions.

We will do the traditional candle lighting Memorial Day service, and the Session approved a recommendation from the Deacons to hold the Father's Day service at the Chase Home Museum if available.

The Session voted to share Session minutes with Deacons and Trustees, and publish highlights in the Herald. The Session voted to extend an offer to Liz Arizmendi as office administrator.

## Deacons Report – May 2022

Along the same lines as Session, a Deacons report will also be included in the Herald each month.

If you or you know of someone that is in need of prayer or help (transportation, errands, food, etc.), do not hesitate to contact one of the Deacons (Jan, Karen, Laura, Elaine, Julee, Elise or Yuri).

The Deacons met on May 8 and met Pastor Haas.

Items discussed:

- Keeping the prayer lists in the Herald and weekly bulletin updated. It is important to get consent directly from the person to be added before adding the name. We also need a process for keeping the list up to date, for example, if there are names that are to be removed.
- Suggestion to hold Father's Day worship at the Chase Home Museum in Liberty Park and to visit the Japantown exhibit there.
- Shut-in Visitations: Review the list of shut-ins who may like a visit from Pastor Haas. It would be a good opportunity for him to meet members.
- Will there be a farewell/appreciation event for Pastor Kramer and family? Question to be forwarded to Session.
- Next Deacons meeting, Sunday, June 5.

## May 22 Worship Service

The May 22<sup>nd</sup> worship service was a joint service with the Tongan congregation. Pastor Tipiloma delivered a sermon on peace and the Tongan choir sang a beautiful number "Sing to the Lord with Grateful Praise" ("Hiva fakamalo ki hotau Otua"). It is always a treat to hear the choir perform.



The Tongan Choir performs during worship service. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

### Spring Garden Party

Bob Jones and Michiko Kenmotsu invited our congregation to a garden party open house at their home in Layton on Saturday, May 21. Their garden is starting to bloom, especially the beautiful peonies. It was a nice, relaxing get together with food, friends and fellowship. Thank you Bob and Michiko!



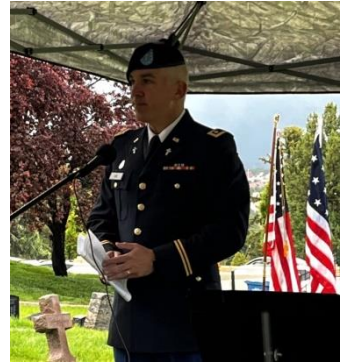
Jan Aramaki (and canine friend), Karla Paige, Mariko Hanabusa, Elaine Iwasaki and J.J. Kawashima enjoy the sun in the Jones' yard. Photo courtesy: Allyn Nakashima

### Easter Photo Reprints

Two versions of the Easter group photo are posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board if you would like to order an enlargement for **\$5.00**. Place orders by **June 12**. See Lorraine Crouse for information.

### Memorial Day Wrap

The annual Veterans' Memorial service was held at the Salt Lake City Cemetery on Sunday, May 29 bright and early at 8:30 a.m. Presentation of Colors was performed by Boy Scout Troop 442. Reverend Haas gave the opening prayer, Troy Watanabe of the SL Buddhist Temple gave remarks and Bishop Yuta Uemura from the Dai Ichi Ward offered the benediction and closing prayer. Flag tributes were made for deceased veterans. A nice service that started in the rain, but ended in sunshine!



Allyn Nakashima places a flag in memory of her father Kay. Photos courtesy: Lorraine Crouse

#### JCC June 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 PENTECOST No Bible Study -Communion, 10:30am -Deacons Mtg, 11:45am	6	7	8 -Parking, Concert, New Kids on the Block, 7:30pm	9	10	11
12 -Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship, 10:30am -Graduate recognition	13	14	15 -Session Meeting, 6pm	16	17	18
19 FATHER'S DAY -Worship Service at Liberty Park, 10:30am	20 JUNETEENTH	21	22	23	24	25 -Herald Deadline, noon
26 -Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship, 10:30am	27	28	29	30		

\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 5/28/2022.

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

## "Our Lost Years" Screening

On Saturday, May 21, the JCC hosted a film screening of "Our Lost Years"; a documentary commemorating the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Executive Order 9066. Writer and Director Lane Nishikawa held a Q and A after the screening, followed by bento and popcorn in the courtyard. The event was held in our Fellowship Hall and allowed us to use our new screen and audio equipment for the first time since the building remodel.



Film viewers at "Our Lost Years" screening



Trey Imamura, Lane Nishikawa and Jani Iwamoto



Sadie Yoshimura, Ted Nagata, Mariko Hanabusa, Suzanne Hata and Alyce Shiba enjoy time together after the film. (Photo courtesy: Allyn Nakashima)

## Living with COVID-19: Normalizing our behaviors regarding COVID-19

*Submitted by Allyn Nakashima*

Since COVID-19 is now endemic in most countries, it is important that we think about how we can return to many of our everyday activities optimizing our behaviors while optimizing our behaviors to minimize our chances of COVID-19. Below are some practical suggestions for how to live in a world with COVID-19.

1. Be aware of changing public health recommendations. Check the CDC website (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>) regularly, especially if you have questions about vaccination or travel.
2. If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, get tested immediately. If you test positive, contact your health care provider as soon as possible for medical advice. There are many new treatments for COVID-19 that may shorten the course of illness and prevent long term side effects. Many of these treatments must be given early in the course of illness to be effective. In addition, it is important to know your status to protect other members of your household
3. If you have cold-like symptoms, avoid contact with the public. One of the main benefits of the measures that were put in place for COVID-19, e.g., staying home, masking and frequent handwashing, was to greatly lessen the transmission of many respiratory diseases including influenza and common colds as well as COVID-19. When you are sick, stay at home and take care of yourself, rather than going out and exposing others.
4. Keep current on COVID-19 vaccinations and retain your vaccination records. Unfortunately, COVID-19 vaccination or getting the disease itself does not provide long lasting immunity. The virus is also constantly mutating and some variants are very different from the isolates that were used to make current vaccines. Therefore, like influenza, vaccines will constantly have to be updated and most people will need boosters about every 6 months to be maximally protected.
5. Learn to assess your personal risk and risks in your environment. Like many diseases, you need to work with your doctor to assess your personal immune status and what activities you can safely participate in. You should also be aware of the level of transmission of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases in your community to help you decide whether to attend crowded events. Take note what other people are doing. Masking prevents spread to others, but only protects the mask wearer a little. So if there is a lot of COVID-19 going around in the community, don't attend public events where many people are unmasked.

Stay healthy by keeping yourself informed!