

## The HERALD Newsletter

Japanese Church of Christ

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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

October 2022

*"From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised." (Psalm 113:3)*

When you turn 104 years old, you have been around for 37,960 sunrises and 37,960 sunsets. Talk about a rollercoaster ride! Bright sunshine makes way for utter darkness! Life is a constant cycle of losses and new beginnings!

One of my tasks as interim minister is to take inventory. In October of 1918, JCC began ministry in the heart of Japantown. That means in October of 2022, JCC will have seen 37,960 sunrises and 37,960 sunsets. Babies were born, people died. Ministries started and ended. Festivals came and went. Languages faded away and came back. From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised. There are many memories to be grateful for in 104 years. There are many scars that remain from losses and struggles.

As part of our mission study process, we will look at many of those ups and downs of the past. And then come two more steps that pertain to the future and to the present: What does JCC need to be, know, and do in order to praise the Lord from the rising of the sun to its setting going forward? Who are the babies and the dying we are sent to? What ministries do we need to start and what ministries do we need to end? What festivals should we celebrate? Which languages should we speak?

The Psalmist invites us to look ahead: "Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore." (Psalm 113:2) The big question is: How are we going to be the church from this time on? Let's hop on that rollercoaster together!

Blessings,

Pastor Daniel Haas, UCC  
Cell (801) 368-1180



### Remember in Your Prayers

Remember the new Prayer List practice – names will appear on the list for one month, so we can keep it updated and current. 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) or contact Pastor Haas or any of the Deacons to have a name added for the month.

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Jason L. Moses

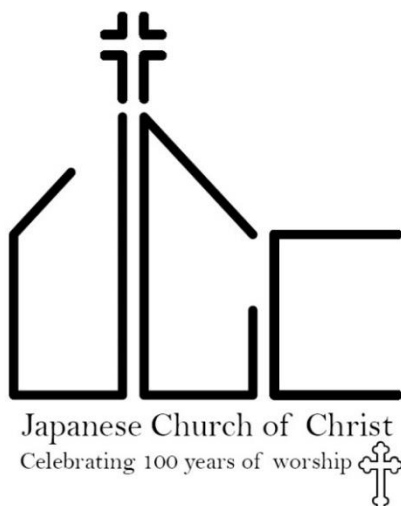
Saeko Nakashima

Lillian Nakamura

**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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**Clerk of Session: Daniel Cheung**

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

**Deacons**

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**World Communion Sunday**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022** is World Communion Sunday! World Communion celebrates our oneness in Christ with our brothers and sisters around the world. To commemorate this event, a joint worship service with the Tongan congregation will be held on this Sunday. Service will begin at the usual time, **10:30 a.m.**



After worship service, there will be a potluck luncheon for everyone, so bring any favorite dish to share!

**Harvest Party**

A Harvest Party will be held on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**. Bring the children for Sunday School dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes (but no scary costumes, please!). After worship service, everyone at church (young and old) is invited to have lunch and treats!

Please spread the word to those with young children and grandchildren!



**Operation Christmas Child**

The kickoff for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" program will be **Sunday, October 2** and shoeboxes will be available to fill with Christmas gift items to be distributed to children in need around the world. Because of the global pandemic, shoebox donations are welcomed more than ever.



The due date is **November 13, 2022**. Remember, **DO NOT** include toothpaste or candy of any kind and **NO LIQUIDS**. Please do not include used or damaged items, war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figurines, food, liquid or lotions, breakable items, glass containers, or aerosol cans.

"Filling" suggestions include:

- Toys: small doll, toy truck, stuffed animal, kazoo, harmonica, yoyo, jump ropes
- School Supplies: pens, pencils/sharpener, crayons, markers, stamps and ink pad writing pads or paper, solar calculator, coloring and picture books
- Hygiene Items: toothbrush, comb, washcloth
- Other: T-shirt, socks, ball cap, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Every shoebox gift needs a \$10 donation to provide for collecting, processing, shipping, ministry partner training, and the Gospel materials that are given to the children with their gift box.

If anyone cannot assemble a shoebox gift, but wants to participate in this project, please consider a \$10 donation to help get these shoeboxes to the children. Checks can be made to Samaritan's Purse and simply put in the offering box during worship service.

**Letter of Appreciation**

*I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. (Ephesians 1:16)*

Friends in Christ at JCC,

The past weeks were very exhausting for me and my family. The passing of my mother came unexpectedly but fortunately I was able to spend the last weeks with my mother together. And thankfully my family was able to spend much needed and important time together with their German family to mourn and grief the loss together as well as to attend her funeral.

I would like to extend my heartfelt and deep gratitude to you as a congregation, to you as members, to you as friends:

Thank you for giving Daniel time and space to be with our children during the time of preparation, sadness, and uncertainty.

Thank you for spontaneously giving him time off so my family was able to travel to Germany and be with all of us.

Thank you for including me and my family in your thoughts and prayers. In moments of my own speechlessness, it was good and comforting to know that people found words of prayer on my behalf.

Thank you for your cards, meals and all the other ways of expressions of love and care! It is wonderful to feel that we are part of the JCC family!

I thank God for all of you!

As this is my personal thank you, I also would like to extend my gratefulness and thanks to you on behalf of the New Worshipping Community task force of the Presbytery. Thank you for hosting the Missional Summit. It was a great success. Three people from the summit have wonderful new ideas to reach people in our community. We are excited to embark this adventure with them and hope that new worshipping communities will nest and thrive in our Presbytery.

Peace in Christ!

Rev. Mirjam Haas-Melchior

**Session Meeting Report**

The monthly Session meeting for September is scheduled for September 28, 2022. Since the meeting is after the October Herald due date, the meeting summary will appear in the November Herald.



**Agape Poll**

The Agape Women traditionally hosted a Christmas luncheon at a restaurant on the first or second Sunday in December; but we have not held the luncheon for two years because of the pandemic. Is there interest in attending an Agape Women Christmas Luncheon in December this year?

If so, please add your name to the list posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. (This is just a poll to see how many are interested in attending, not a commitment if you sign up.) We are planning for a restaurant location close to the church at a reasonable price, \$10 to \$12 per person. If there are enough people interested in attending (not just women!), we will pursue it further and information and RSVPs will be available in the November Herald.

**Congrats**

Congratulations to Jean Irwin upon receiving the 2022 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Individual Award from the National Assembly of State Art Agencies (NASAA). This award recognizes individuals who demonstrate outstanding leadership and tireless efforts in addressing and raising awareness about issues on diversity, equity, and inclusion in their state or region.

Also congratulations to Ted Nagata who was named one of three 2022 Distinguished Alumni from the University of Utah College of Fine Arts. Ted was presented with the Legacy Award, honoring an alum whose successful career has brought acclaim as a graphic designer.

### Church Women United Event

A multi faith gathering of Christian Women. Mark your calendar and plan to attend CWU’s World Community Day Celebration 2022.

- When:** Friday, November 4, 2022 (1st Friday)
- Time:** 9:30 a.m. - Morning
- Where:** Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 8575 South 7th East (Sandy)
- Theme:** “It’s Up to You in 2022 – A Call to Pray”
- Keynote Speaker:** TBA
- Bible Study:** Small Group Discussions
- Registration:** \$1 Lunch: \$5.00

Community Outreach: “World Community Bazaar” (Christmas Shopping Opportunity)

- Rural Africa Crafts – Bolga Baskets woven by indigenous people in Northern Ghana
- The Vietnam Project – Vietnamese products to benefit overseas communities
- Navajo Jewelry -- Native American jewelry to benefit their communities in Southern Utah
- Fair Trade Coffee

Free-will Offering: Used for CWU National Programs: Checks need to be made payable to: “Church Women United” Checks can also be mailed to our Treasurer:

Desta Aure, 10227 Hickory Pt. Dr., Sandy, UT 84092

Lunch RSVP: To Mary Ann Allison at 801-278-9223 by Monday, October 31.

### Deacons Report – September Meeting

The Deacons met on Sunday, September 4, 2022 in Pastor Haas’ office. The following items were discussed:

- The Deacons received a generous donation from the estate of Dorthie Conway, a former Deacon.
- Gideons bibles were purchased in memory of Toshiko Marse.
- Feedback from August Celebration Luncheon. Everyone felt everything went well. We also were able to fill some bento boxes and deliver to a few seniors/shut-ins.
- New community project to support - Serving food at the women’s shelter? Some Deacons will look into it. Also support Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child (shoebox) program.
- Internal support of JCC groups. Deacons can help as Sunday School assistants where needed.
- Harvest Party - Support Harvest Party on Sunday, October 30.
- Mochi fundraiser - Explore interest in making mochi this year.
- Visitations - Lillian Nakamura has moved to assisted living. Elaine provided her new contact information.
- Other - We need to reach out more to new visitors. Invite them for coffee fellowship, introduce them to others, etc.

JCC October 2022 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -World Communion Joint Service, 10:30am -Potluck Luncheon, 11:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon	3	4	5	6 -Parking, Frozen Fury Hockey, 7pm	7	8
9 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon	10 -Parking, Jimmy Buffet, 8pm	11 -Parking, Jazz pre-season, 7pm	12	13 -Parking, Panic at the Disco, 7pm	14 -Parking, Jazz pre-season	15 -Herald Articles Due
16 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon	17	18	19 -Parking, Jazz vs. Denver, 7pm	20	21	22
23 -Adult Bible Study, 9:30am -Worship Service, 10:30am -Nihongo Gakko, noon	24	25	26 -Parking, Jazz vs. Houston	27	28	29 -Parking, Jazz vs. Memphis
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\*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 9/26/2022.