

MARCH 2022

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Beacon of Hope...A Call to Serve!

SUNDAY WORSHIP
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING
7:30 AM AND 10:00 AM



JAZZ VESPERS
IN PERSON & LIVE-STREAMING
Thursdays at 6:00 PM



A MOMENT WITH MUSIC
ON FACEBOOK
Weekdays at 6:00 AM



BIBLE STUDY BY ZOOM
Wednesdays at 10:00 AM



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE
Wednesday, March 2
at 12:00 noon



VESTRY MEETING BY ZOOM
Wednesday, March 16 at 6:00 PM



Resources to Enrich your Lenten Journey

Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, began this year's journey into Lent, a season when we are asked to exam our lives, turning back to God with all our hearts and in all that we say and do. Below are some resources to enrich our journeys.

DAILY Devotional Activities at home:

Gratitude Journal for Lent:

Designed to deepen the spiritual practice of gratitude during Lent
Click [HERE](https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/). - <https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/>

Variation on the Gratitude Journal for Children:

Click [HERE](https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/). - <https://unitedthankoffering.com/lent/>

devotions 365 days a year

Click [HERE](https://d365.org/). - <https://d365.org/>

d365 devotionals are comprised of 5 steps:

pause, listen, think, pray, go

Can be downloaded as an app on your phone

Episcopal Relief & Development 2022 Lenten Meditations

Click [HERE](https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/). - <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/church-in-action/lent/>

Download as a .pdf or have it delivered to your inbox every day.

WEEKLY Online Gospel Reflection:

Kanaka Maoli Lenten Gospel Reflections

During Lent, some of our kanaka maoli clergy will be offering weekly video reflections on the gospel for Sunday. A new Gospel reflection will be posted every Thursday during Lent. Click [HERE](https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/committee-on-native-hawaiian-ministry-conhm.html). - <https://www.episcopalhawaii.org/committee-on-native-hawaiian-ministry-conhm.html>

WEEKLY Zoom Presentation:

Virtual Borderlands Experience (VBE)

2:00pm (HST; 7:00pm Eastern Time) ZOOM presentation for five consecutive Thursdays beginning March 10th

VBE is designed to expose participants to the border crossing experiences of immigrants, including their experiences with detention centers, and the work of churches and other organizations to support them. Our presenters are individuals involved in immigration ministry and advocacy, as well as the immigrants themselves who personally experienced the impact of our national immigration policies.

Register by clicking [HERE](#).

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tjAqcuirz4uGtY43hJDbc3PYt7B3ddeaGva>

WEEKLY Group Lenten series:

**“Let me pray about that...”: The Art of Spiritual Discernment
Lenten Discussion**

a five-week course of study with Brother David Vryhof, of the Society of Saint John the Evangelist (SSJE), an Episcopal monastic order

When: Five Sundays, 1pm, beginning March 13th via ZOOM
(March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10)

To receive the ZOOM link, contact Pr. Diane.

Led by: Fr. Phil Paradine and Pastor Diane

Fr. Phil Paradine, a resident of Hawai'i since 2016 and an active participant at St. Peter's, is an engineer who became an Episcopal priest in 1998. While at Virginia Theological Seminary, his spiritual director was from the SSJE. Later, while completing a D.Min. at Seabury-Western, his doctoral thesis was on the application of the Rule of St. Benedict in parish ministry. He is looking forward to this discernment discussion during Lent!

Prior to each session, you will watch a video presentation through an online link by Br. Vryhof on the topics listed below. Fr. Phil and Pastor Diane will lead the discussion of the video presentation.

These videos may be viewed in two ways:

- 1) Watch "on demand" by accessing the videos on the SSJE website and then join us at 1 PM on Sunday for the discussion.
- 2) Click into the ZOOM room at 12:15 PM and watch the video immediately before the discussion.

Session One: What is spiritual discernment?

Session Two: What do we mean when we speak of someone's 'calling' or 'vocation'?

Session Three: What can we learn about 'vocation' from the life of Jesus?

Session Four: How can I discover my own 'calling' in life?

Session Five: Is there a proven method of discernment that I can follow when faced with an important life choice?

Lenten "Mite" Boxes

During Lent through Easter, you are invited to collect your spare bills and change. For those attending worship in person, there will also be a jar on the greeter table. On Easter Sunday, April 17th, all the "mite" offerings will be collected, counted, and sent to Episcopal Relief & Development's Tonga Relief Fund.

Senior Warden Corner: Velma Lee Highlights of the February Vestry Meeting

Congratulations to Nancy Rowe, who was elected as the Treasurer, and to Karin Kimura, who was elected as the Clerk! Both were unanimous decisions!!

The replacement of the high steeple cross is finished! It's now a matter of working out how to get the cross up on that steeple, plus the work needed to affix the cross won't be known with certainty until the experts get up there making for a more complex project.

Watabe can't perform any blessings at St. Peter's until the end of March 2022 due to Japan's COVID restrictions.

Formerly known as Central Middle School, Princess Ruth Ke'elikolani Middle School, has started a Young Woman's Empowerment Club for 8th grade girls. There is the possibility that we can partner with this effort.

Terry and Oriel cleaned out one of the gutters that had been plugged with the bird nests of various items. There's one more gutter for them to clean out.

The vestry and some volunteers of the church need to complete Safe Church modules every three years. Susan is our church coordinator and will notify each vestry member and volunteer with the codes to complete the module online.

There will be a special Lenten Bible Study option that everyone can participate in. Please read about more details in the Sunday bulletins online or in-person.

Acolytes are back!

Sunday, March 20th senior acolyte, Jenna Matsumoto, and Pastor Diane trained four new acolytes between the services—Caleigh Chun, Ren Kennedy, Jasmine Dayao, and Aleah Peterson—and then for the first time since March of 2020, acolytes served during our 10am worship. It was so wonderful having acolytes serving in worship again! Thank you to Cheryl Saito, Bryan Matsumoto, and Fr. Frank Chun for taking photos. Thank you to Stephanie Wight who spoke with the parents and grandparent about children's Christian formation while the acolytes were in training.

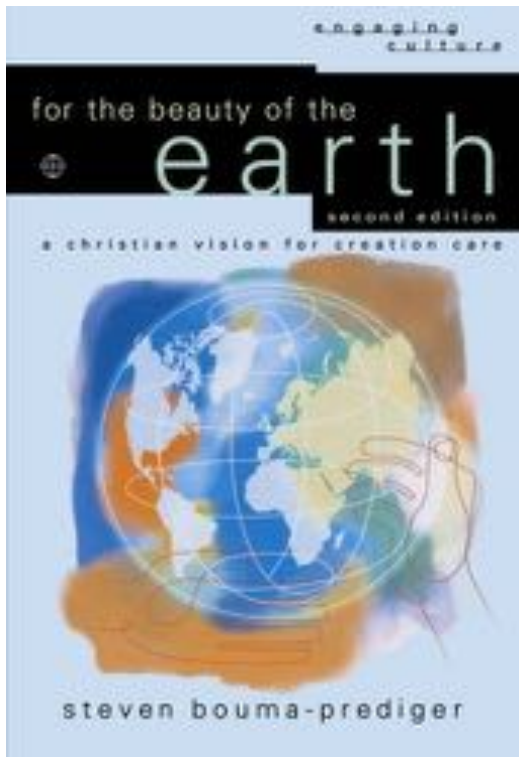


WEBMASTER needed!

Visitors repeatedly tell us they have found us through our website. Having an up-to-date website is critically important. Might you consider this outreach ministry? We have a user-friendly website platform called Weebly and training is available. Contact Pr. Diane if you are interested. Thank you!

Jazz Vespers Dinners

When COVID hit, our Jazz Vespers community dinners on Thursday evenings had to be suspended. No one imagined that this would extend over several years. As the pandemic is easing, we are hearing wistful longings for the dinners to resume. For that to happen, we need a coordinator. Might that be a ministry to which God is calling you? Speak with Pastor Diane for more details.



Creation Care Corner: Book Suggestion by Konstantinos Karampakakis, Green Team Chair

What does the Bible have to say about caring for endangered species and pollution? Which is the attitude of God toward his Creation? Why should the Church be bothered with Nature? Should Christians take heed of the environmental crisis? After all, isn't the earth going to be annihilated anyways when Jesus returns? Why bother?

If you ever caught yourself pondering on these questions, here is a book for you, that brings together ecological philosophy and Christian theology on the same table: For the Beauty of the Earth: A Christian Vision for Creation Care, written by Steven Bouma-Prediger. With long lists of birds, plants and animals, lengthy descriptions of ecosystems, numerous pages of scientific charts, and deep reflections on Scriptural passages and ethical values, this reading needs patient readers. Yet, underneath its "scholarly" appearance, it is surprisingly poetic. The descriptions of ecosystems are narrated in first person, the Scripture passages are paraphrased to resemble contemporary poems, and the overall style makes it clear that this book was written by the author as a form of personal expression. The purpose here is not as much to inform the readers, but to invite them to start thinking about Nature, the current environmental crisis, the story of the Bible, and the future of this world.

But, make no mistake; this isn't a preachy sermon about what Christians should do for the environment. Instead, this is a thoughtful reflection about who Christians should be for the environment. For Bouma-Prediger, the key in addressing the environmental crisis is character formation, and for Christians this should be based on the proper understanding of our place in the overarching narrative of Scripture.

If you'd like to look at the book or borrow it, contact Konstantinos, cost-kar@hotmail.com.

New/Returning Members

Sunday, February 27th, we celebrated the participation of new and returning members within the St. Peter's community. Since we worship across two Sunday morning services, a Thursday Jazz Vespers service, and now an online community as well, the following are short biographical sketches to help us get to know one another. Please take the opportunity to get to know our newest members!

Diane (Dede) Chinn and David Camp

Diane (Dede) Chinn is a returning member and her husband, David Camp, is a new member. Dede was a member of the congregation while growing up in Honolulu, and her mother, Esther, was an active member until her passing in 2015. Diane and David spent their careers working as engineers in the San Francisco Bay Area and recently retired and moved here. They enjoy being active with hiking, swimming, running, tennis and travel. With two children in college, they make frequent visits back to the mainland.



Bob and Eleanor (Muffin) Hein

After 30 years in the Navy, 20 moves, (to include Key West, Italy, Norfolk, San Diego and Newport, RI), and raising 2 amazing boys, we find ourselves back on Oahu for the third time. This time, however, we were blessed to have found the wonderful community that is St Peter's! Our sons, Matt and Chris, are also naval officers and live in San Diego and Boston respectively - and we miss them like crazy! Chris was married in December and we joyfully welcomed his wife, Naomi, into our cozy little family!

Bob now works as a civilian for the Navy and Muffin has (semi-retired?) from a 20 year career teaching middle school math and science, and volunteers with a local museum and the Red Cross. So happy to be here!



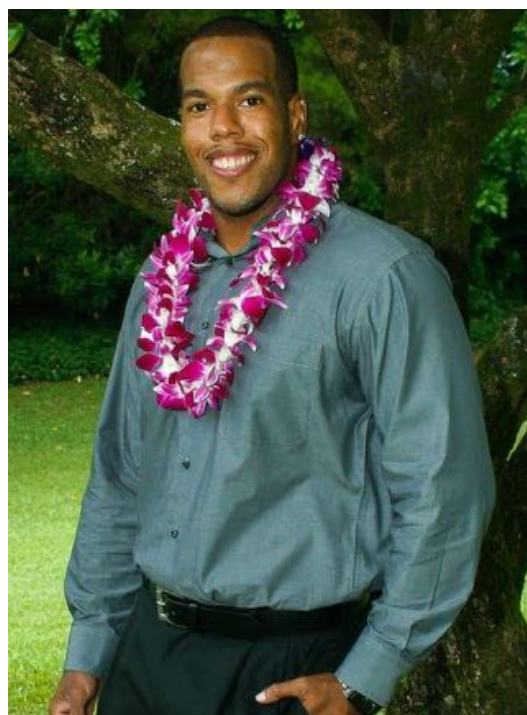
Lois Gray

Lois Elaine Gray was born in Los Angeles, CA, moved to Seattle, WA, and attended Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA. She has B.S. degrees in administration of justice, ethnic studies, sociology, and public policy administration and Master's degrees in counseling and information systems. She graduated from the Sheriff's Academy in Washington state and served on various boards in Kittitas County, WA, including drug and alcohol outreach and Habitat for Humanity. While in Washington, she worked with adult and juvenile inmates and was a mental health specialist. For 15 years, she did state testing and placement for incoming students in the Vancouver School District. Lois grew up in the First AME Church in Los Angeles, CA, where her great-grandmother

first became a member and where her Mama became an Associate Pastor. Lois loves all sports, but especially football, baseball, and snow sports. She enjoys sunrises and mountains, fishing, camping, gardening, sewing, crocheting, canning, cooking, baking, painting, writing, reading, horses, and horseback riding. While in southern California, she led horse trail riding. Before moving to Hawai'i, she had one dog and four cats, danced, modeled professionally, and was in a T.V. movie filmed in Beverly Hills, CA, with Rock Hudson. Lois has two living children, Maisha Stovall and Jermel Anderson.

Jermel Anderson

I was born in Seattle, WA and lived in Kirkland, WA. I attended the Vancouver School of Arts & Academics and graduated from Columbia River High. I attended Central Washington University and earned a B.A. in Law and Justice. I moved to Honolulu, Hawai'i and attended Hawai'i Pacific University to earn my M.B.A. Lois Gray is my mom and Maiesha Stovall is my sister. Both subsequently also moved to Hawai'i. I've lived in Waikiki for eight years. I enjoy playing golf, tennis, and basketball. My passion is traveling. I have traveled across most of the U.S. and have been to Japan, Thailand, Australia, Bali, Singapore, Guam, Philippines, Abu Dhabi, Bahrain, and Dubai. I hope to travel to Europe next. I enjoy going to places and learning about history, culture, and finding delicious food.





Liana Kanuha

I was born in Honolulu and first baptized at the First Chinese Church in Honolulu. I was raised and still reside in Kailua where I graduated from Kailua High School. I was married, baptized, and confirmed at St. George Catholic Church in Waimanalo and attended St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Kailua until coming to St. Peter's to worship with my daughter and son-in-law, David and Ashlyn Thompson, and my grand babies, Austin and Kennedy. I am presently retired and doing Grandmother, Mom, and Pet Mom duties!

Keisha Webster and Konstantinos Karampakakis

Hi, we are Keisha and Konstantinos! Keisha is from St. Louis, and Konstantinos is from Greece. We traveled to Hawai'i a few months after our wedding in Greece, half the globe away. Keisha is serving at the military and wants to study Social Work; Konstantinos is studying architecture and is interested in old buildings. We like hiking, exploring and watching good old movies. Keisha enjoys morning yoga and intense exercise; Konstantinos tends toward board games and D&D. We miss our family and friends on the other side of the planet, but we are thankful to the people of St. Peter's, who have embraced us and made us feel like home.





Chucky Nakao

I am excited to be part of St Peter's Church where the members are loving, dedicated followers of Jesus. I am just a regular attendee listening to the word and feeling the power of the Holy Spirit. I am an alumnus and long time faculty member and athletics coach at 'Iolani School. It was a happy surprise to find John Afong at St. Peter's, an 'Iolani classmate of mine! My children are all grown up, two living on the mainland and my son, Kawika, 'Iolani class of '02, has two children living here.

Bella Phang and Aleah Peterson

My name is Bella Phang and my daughter is Aleah Peterson. She was born January 8th and is 7 years old, and I was born on January 2nd. Aleah is in the 1st grade at Kauluwela Elementary. I am transitioning out of the army after 10 years. We have 2 dogs named Bella Bear & Marco. I grew up in St. Matthew's Episcopal church in Louisville, Kentucky and went to All Saints camp during the summer. I'd love to give Aleah similar experiences. We are both happy to be new members of St. Peter's church.



Commissioning of the 2022 Vestry

Sunday, February 27th, the 2022 vestry was commissioned. We welcome Sue Jennings, Janet Kim, and Stephanie Wight who were elected to 3-year terms during January's Annual Meeting and who join the current vestry members and officers. During the commissioning, vestry members pledged to support and encourage one another, to listen and be receptive to insights different from their own, to pray and seek God's direction for the congregation. The congregation in term pledged to support and pray for the vestry. You can see a complete list of the vestry on the last page. We give thanks for these faithful leaders!



2022 Vestry

Senior Warden: Velma Lee

Junior Warden: Terry Dang

Treasurer: Nancy Rowe

Clerk: Karin Kimura

Rector: The Rev. Diane Martinson

Term expires in 2022:

Rose Baroza, Beth Cox, Gail Haruki

Term expires in 2023:

Karin Kimura, Bryan Matsumoto, Barry Wood

Term expires in 2024:

Sue Jennings, Janet Kim, Stephanie Wight



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Mar 01 Lynda Hino
Mar 03 Franklin Pang
Mar 05 Arlene Lum
Mar 06 Elise Karr
Mark Pang
Mar 07 Patrick Allen
Mar 09 Pam Leong
Chan Rowe
Mar 10 Gwen Wong
Mar 12 Adrienne Ching
Mar 13 Evan Turner
Mar 14 Helena Won
Mar 15 Beth Chang
Helen Richardson
Mar 16 Manny Dayao
Joyna Richardson
Sebastian Yuen
Mar 17 Evan Chang
Ralph Panelli
Mar 19 Jerry Liu
Mar 20 Kevin Chang
Mar 21 John Melish
Marvie Pang
Mar 23 Martina Richard
Mar 24 James Yuen
Tim Yuen
Mar 27 Terry Dang
Nick Wond
Mar 28 Wyatt Jones
Mar 30 Ellen Jean Fo
Stephanie Wight
Mar 31 Beth Cox
Ray Ono

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Mar 11 Mel and Sim Kau
Mar 13 Cedric and
Baptistine Ching