ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude (*Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* **See page 15**

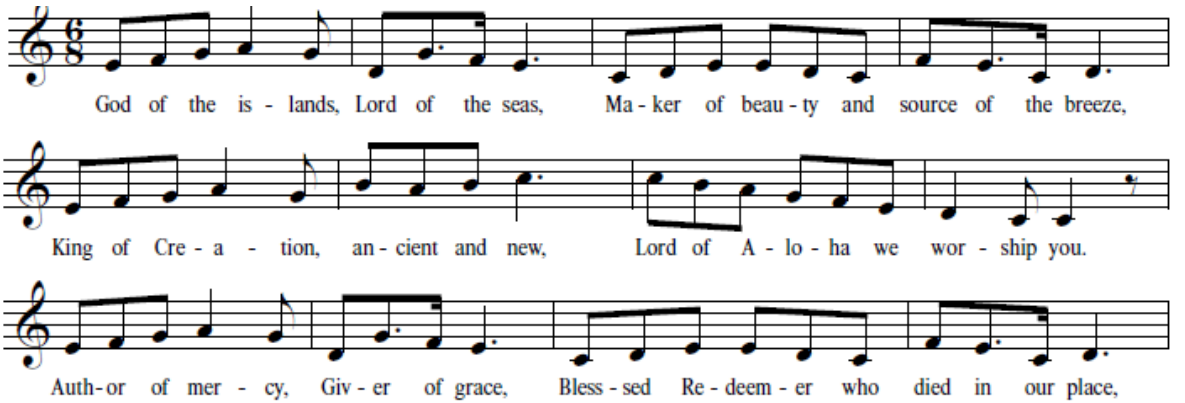
The Word of God

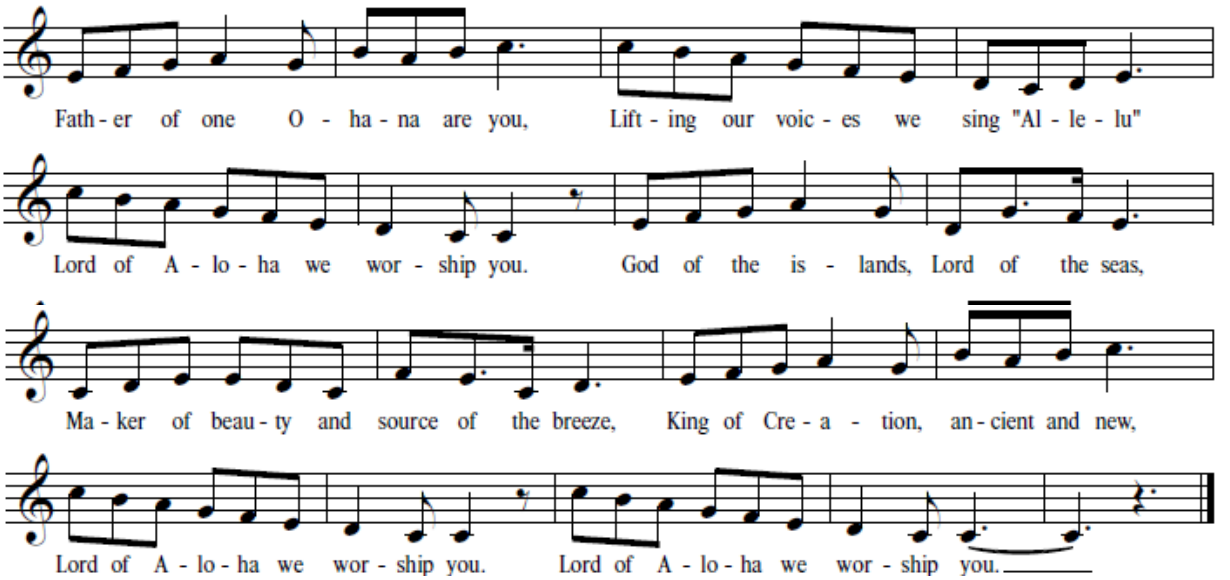
Presider Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O Almighty God, who brings good out of evil and turns even the wrath of your children towards your promised peace: Hear our prayers this day as we remember those of many nations and differing faiths whose lives were cut short by the fierce flames of anger and hatred. Hasten the time when the menace of war shall be removed. Cleanse both us and those perceived to be our enemies of all hatred and distrust. Pour out the spirit of peace on all the rulers of our world that we may be brought through strife to the lasting peace of the kingdom of your Son; Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria *Lord of Aloha* Stan Beard





The Lessons

The First Reading **Genesis 50:15-21**

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 103:1-13**

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

2 **Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

3 He forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities;

4 **He redeems your life from the grave**
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things, and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 **The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed.**
7 He made his ways known to Moses and his works to the children of Israel.
8 **The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and of great kindness.**
9 He will not always accuse us, nor will he keep his anger for ever.
10 **He has not dealt with us according to our sins,**
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.;
12 **As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us.**
13 As a father cares for his children, so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading **Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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Thanks be to God.

(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*

The Holy Gospel **Matthew 18:21-35**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**

(10:00am) *In the Bulb There is a Flower* - Sleeth **Chancel Choir**

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition, the response is "Your mercy is great."

Confession and Absolution,

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Minister and People **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love**

and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

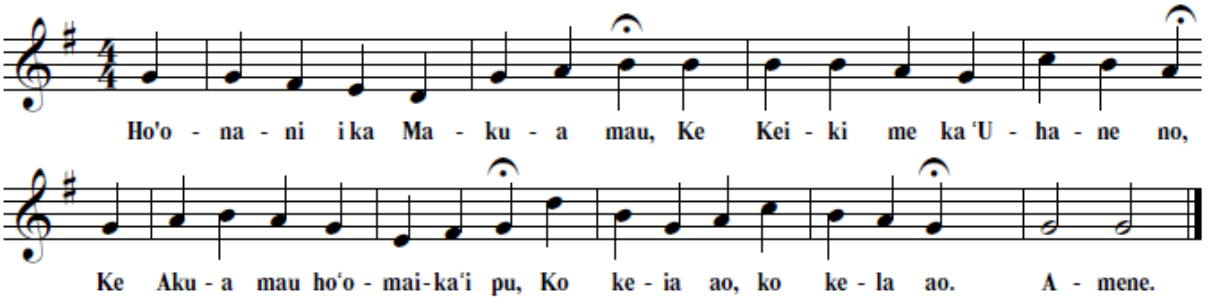
The Peace
Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)
Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* **Hymnal 1982, #593**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

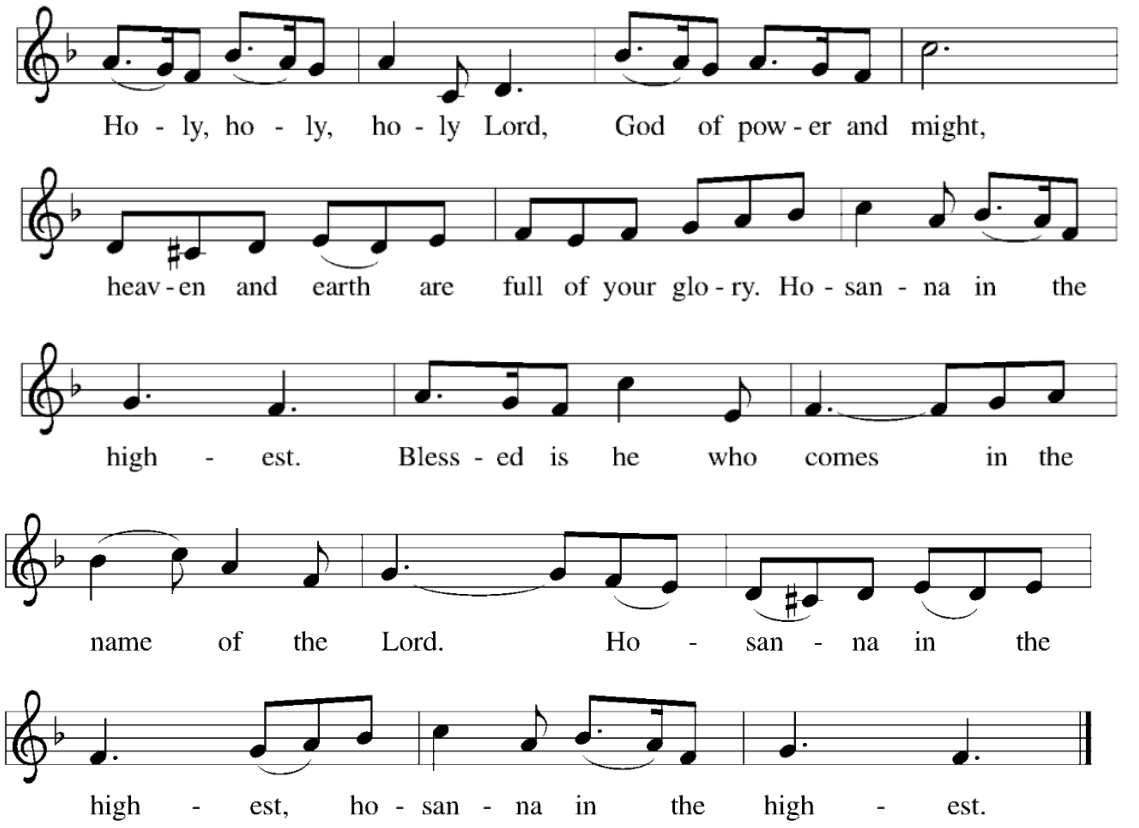


The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant……lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Harling*



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The Presider continues.
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God……Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.
Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.
Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.
For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.
Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn *O, Bless the Lord, My Soul* **Hymnal 1982, #411**

The Dismissal

Presider: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Ron B., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Eduardo C., Peter D., Jean D., Dallis F.N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Debbie H., Iris, Sue J., Jonathan, Judy & Maurice, Sim K., Elise K., Gerald K., Hilary K., Roland K., Pauline K., Aggy K.,Charles L., Erin L., Colin L., Bill McK., Lea M., Harry M., Dara N., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Natalia P., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Sheri P-H., Rev. Mary P., Patricia S., Ediza T., Terrence, Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roland W., Ian W., Roy W., Suzie W., Lynette Y., Jan Y., Tim Y., and Sean C.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal, wildfires and flooding on the continent. If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions.

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Remembrance of September 11: Today we pause to remember the events of 25 years ago. On September 11, 2001, our nation was attacked, and lives were forever changed.

Faith in Action: Human Trafficking in Hawaii & Our Call to Respond. There will be a special presentation on **Sun., September 20th** in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 service. You don't have to be an expert to make a difference. You can learn to

recognize vulnerability, respond safely, and walk alongside people impacted by exploitation. We will gather in the Parish Hall after the presentation for a potluck. Please plan to be present for this important conversation. **HELP WANTED!** We are looking for volunteers to help set up for this potluck. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, please contact Pastor Ruth or Stephanie Vlachos. Your help is greatly appreciated!

CALLED TO THE ISLANDS: A Missionary's Life in Hawaii at the turn of the 20th Century. St. Peter's Episcopal, St. Elizabeth's Episcopal and St. Mary's Episcopal are partnering with Hawaiian Mission Houses Museum and are inviting you to attend an evening looking at the issues of immigration to our island home: what was, what is, and what is to be. The evening will begin at 4:00 pm on **Sun., October 11** at St. Peter's with an engaging presentation about the life and ministry of Jessie "Ah Po" Mackenzie, who along with her husband, Elijah, lived and worked with Chinese immigrants in Honolulu during the last years of 19th century and the earliest years of the 20th century. Following the dramatic presentation, all are invited to join in a time of food and fellowship in the Parish Hall where the discussion will continue. A free will offering will be collected, and all funds received will be given to We Are Oceania an organization that is dedicated to working with immigrants today.

CONVENTION 58 is fast approaching! The Episcopal Diocese of Hawaii is holding its annual convention **October 16-17**. This year's theme is "Transitions". There are many events and activities to sign up for and **ALL ARE WELCOME**. Please see the newsletter or the Diocese website (www.episcopalhawaii.org/convention-58.html) for more information.

ST PETER'S IS HAVING A GRUBBY SUNDAY (or two...)! Come help us prepare for the events in November surrounding the Ordination of the next Bishop. We are asking everyone who is able to spend some time on **Sun., October 4 and Sun., October 18** following worship to clean, sort, paint and make our Parish Hall sparkle! Please see the newsletter for more information.

The Cathedral of St Andrew's is inviting all members of the Diocese that live on Oahu to help prepare for Bishop-Elect Libby's ordination and events surrounding it. Please see the newsletter for dates, times, sign-up information and details.

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn open the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is "The Heart of Mercy." Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at @dreppink.

🎶 **WELCOME BACK, CHOIR!** We are so thrilled to have you back and look forward to hearing your voices fill St. Peter's with song! Rehearsal starts at **9:30 AM**, followed by singing for the **10:00 AM service**. For questions, contact **Joseph** at **808.397.8932** or **stpetersmusic@pm.me**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 16, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Sept. 17, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Beez Zane and Rosa Dayao
	(10:00am)	Kandie George
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Beth Cox
	(10:00am)	Bob Swanson
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Gail Haruki
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Myron & Beth Chang
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Cheryl Saito, Sim Kau, Rosa Dayao
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

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Now through September 30

Our organization code is: **79022**

For the month of September, Foodland Maika'i card holders can make donations up to $249 to each of their favorite participating organizations at checkout. And St Peter's is participating! You must use your Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland will partially match your donation. Matches in recent years have been close to 30%. Don't have a Maika'i card? No worries – you can ask for one at the register. It's easy! Just go to the Foodland checkout counter and tell them that you would like to make a donation to
St. Peter's! Our code is: 79022

Last year our members contributed $5,488.
Here's how to donate at any Foodland, Sack N Save,
or Foodland Farms store checkout during the month of September:

1) Enter your Maikaʻi phone number on the keypad.
2) Tell the cashier: "I'd like to make a $_____* donation to **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, #**79022**.
   **Customers may donate any dollar amount up to $249.*
3) Review your receipt to confirm the organization's name, donation amount, and Maikaʻi number are correct.
4) Place a copy of the receipt (with your name added) into the Sunday offering plate or mail a copy to the church office. This will allow the amount to be added to your giving statement.

give aloha
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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Prayer for the Bishop-Elect

As you know, our new Bishop is being ordained on Sat. Nov. 14, 2026. Bishop-Elect Libby Berman will officially become the 6th Bishop of our Diocese. Berman was born and raised in Huron, South Dakota; however, her connections to Hawaii are long-standing: three generations of her maternal family live on O`ahu and she first visited Hawai`i when she was 10 years old.

Berman earned a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has spent more than 20 years working in congregational ministry, including seven years as canon for congregations in the Diocese of Massachusetts. In 2020, she was called to serve at the Church of the Holy Nativity in Honolulu where she has been their rector for the past six years. Berman and her husband, Mark, have two daughters, one of whom is a teacher on O'ahu.

Bishop Fitzpatrick asks the entire Diocese to be in prayer as Bishop-Elect Libby prepares to take on this new role. The prayer that Bishop Fitzpatrick has written is below:

Almighty God, you call your Church in every age to proclaim the Gospel of Christ Jesus: look with mercy upon your servant Libby, and grant that, as deacon, she may care for those in need, as priest, sustain us with the ministry of word and sacrament, and once our bishop, guard the faith and build up the body of Christ in holiness.

Give her wisdom and kindness that as our bishop, she may promote unity, seek truth, and lead us in the way of righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen