



LILI'UOKALANI NU HOU

"REACHING OUT TO NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS"

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Aloha Kākou! We bring to you the Good News of
Lili'uokalani Protestant Church.

Blessings to all of you!

A Message from our Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa

Wally's Window
April 2018



My favorite poet, T.S. Eliot, once wrote:

APRIL is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.

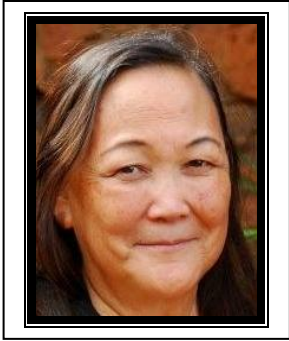
Winter kept us warm, covering
Earth in forgetful snow, feeding
A little life with dried tubers.

I don't know what Eliot was talking about! I mean, here we are in April, having celebrated the good news of the resurrection of Jesus, a time of unmitigated joy and blessing. How can it be "the cruelest month of all"? I think I know why. You see, we here in Hawaii live in a place where it's warm most all the time. We complain when the temperature dips into the 60s. We miss the sun, even when it is absent for only a day or two. On the other hand, Eliot was an American ex-pat who lived out his life in London, England. So, for him, April was an in-between time, even though it was officially spring. April in England is rainy, dark and dreary, and cold. By the time April came around, the sun appeared for a day or two, and then the weather went back to rain and cold. So for him, April was an in-between time. Sun followed by dark, a day of warmth snuffed out by the return of chill, etc. An in-between time.

That's where we are – in between. Easter? Already happened. The birth of the church? Not yet. The reign of God? Already present but not yet. Christ has come? Yes. Christ will come again? Amen. As Eliot put it, *mixing memory and desire*.

We will live all our lives in that in-between time. It is our vocation to learn how to live in that season of ambiguity. Cruel? Maybe, but that is our journey.

A Message from our Moderator



“LIKE A MOM”

When a close relative or loved one goes “ahead” to heaven, we will sorely miss them. With the loss of Tutu Rose Hirota, it is like an empty spot in my heart since her passing. Because she lived with us for many years, it really feels empty in our home. I know she is with our Lord. During the years I have noticed her devotion in her Bible readings every evening and sometimes late at night when she could not go to sleep.

She led me to this church as I recall asking her in church in December, Grandma Rose, what do you want for your birthday present?” She replied, “I want you to become a member of this church.” I said, “What?” She replied, “This is what I want for my present that you become a member of our church.” She had her way. I became a member in the 80’s under Samuel Saffery Jr.

Just last year she asked me to forgive her for anything she had said to me that hurt me. I replied, “Grandma, I am asking YOU to forgive me for shooting off my mouth when I get “huhu” at my kids or grandkids. You know I will always forgive you, but you did not say anything to hurt me that I can remember.” At times I often wondered about her future. Did she know she was going to go to “heaven soon?” We never know about life, so I always tell everyone to read their Bible, love one another, forgive others as well as yourself and always pray for our loved ones and the future of our country which was founded on Christian principles. If you loved just in your heart, the Holy Spirit will guide you the rest of your life, just obey Him.

Always present with us, she exemplified her dedication of a true Christian with her awesome prayers and showing great love for all of her family members. She was like my mom. Her Christian seed has been planted in each of her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. We will miss her tremendously! “Until We Meet Again”. A HUI HOU!

Eileen

(The scripture in memory of our beloved mom, Rose Laumaina Hirota)

Revelation 14:13. “And I hear a voice from heaven saying, “Write this down: Blessed are those who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they are blessed indeed, for they will rest from all their toils and trials: for their good deeds follow them!”



Sunday Church Service Schedule

8:30 a.m. Sunday School Worship
 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
 (Preschool to Makua Class)
 9:45 a.m. Singspiration
 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 Service

E Komo Mai!

Please come and fellowship with us as we journey through Ke Akua's words and songs in both English and Hawaiian each Sunday.



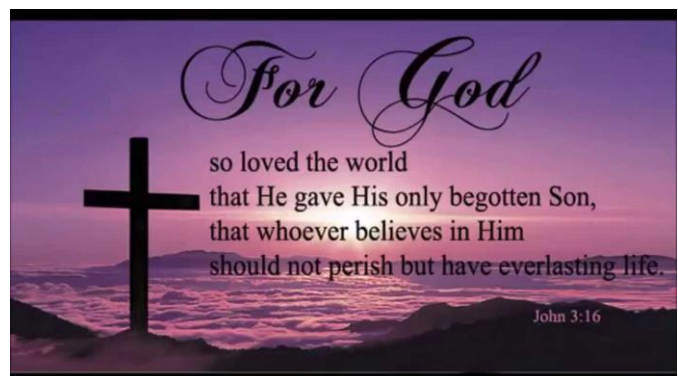
Events for the Month of April

- 01 Easter Sunday Worship Service
 Holy Communion Sunday
 Installation of new member & baptism
 Deadline to submit scholarship application
- 07 Annual OCHCC meeting at
 Kahikuonalani Church
- 08 Guest minister: Kahu Lauren Buck-Medeiros
- 15 Guest minister: Kahu JP Sabbithi
 "A Night to Remember" memorial service hosted by Hospice Hawaii
 (see flyer on page 6)
- 18 Church Council meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Installation of new member
 Aloha Hour to welcome our new members

April (Apelila) Birthdays

- 12 Ken Kaio
- 13 Eileen Hirota
- 30 Berni Paik-Apau

**Happy Birthday to you
 To Jesus be true
 May God's special
 blessings**



Board of Deacons Message:

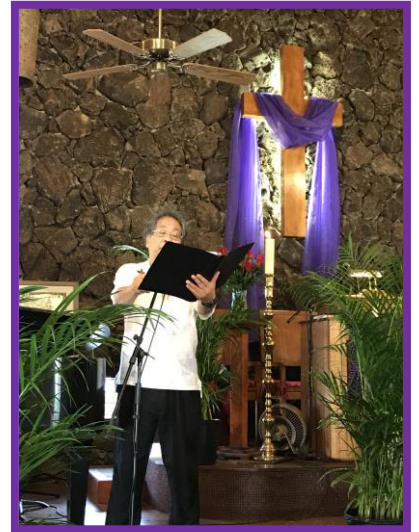
Deaconess: Nicole Andrade, Ipo Gora, Eileen Hirota, Kuulei Kaio, Laurie Kauleinamoku, and Sharon Kuntz.

By the time you read this, the palm fronds from Palm Sunday will be put away to be dried for next year's Ash Wednesday. Our sad but ever so solemn and important Holy Week will have ended and our tears of sorrow for Christ being crucified will become tears of joy as we celebrate Easter Sunday! – the Resurrection of Christ! But the Season of Easter is not *pau*-ended! Christ Lives! He walks and talks with all of us, each and every day! When he ascends back to his Father in heaven he will send the Holy Spirit to comfort us and to be with us, always. And this is when we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday on May 20, 2018! All of you are invited to come and worship the Risen Christ!!!



March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday services began with a parade of the congregation entering the sanctuary and singing “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” led by Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa. Mahalo a nui loa to Thomas Omuro for sharing his talent of singing during offertory.



March 29, 2018

Joint Maundy Thursday Tenebrae services were held at LPC with our sister church, Waialua United Church of Christ for Holy Week with Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa and Kahu Scott Furukawa officiating.



March 30, 2018

Joint Good Friday services were held at Waialua United Church of Christ shared with our church for Holy Week with Kahu Scott Furukawa and Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa officiating. Great fellowship.



Happy Easter – Christ is Risen – Hallelujah!!!

So Much to Celebrate!



Christ is Risen!



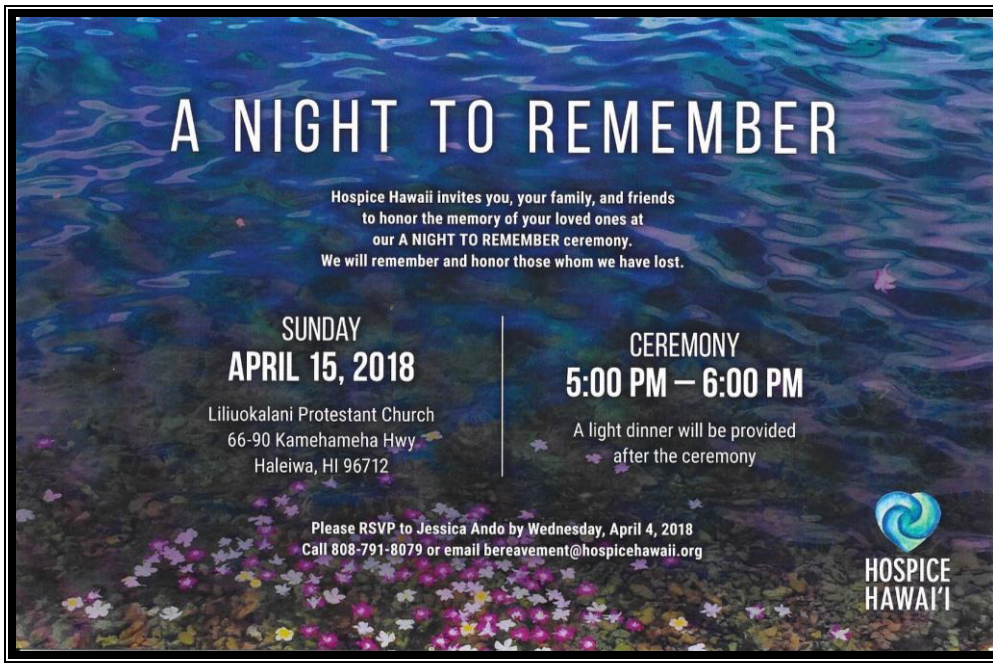
The Sacrament of Holy Communion



*The Sacrament of Baptism for
Sheila Foster*



*Membership Affirmation
Sheila Foster
Hikianali'a Foster*



Women's Missionary Society Happiness Cake (Recipe)

(The Hawaiian District) by the late Auntie Rachel K. Kawahakui

- 1 c. good thoughts
- 1 c. kind deeds
- 1 c. consideration for others
- 2 c. sacrifice
- 3 c. forgiveness
- 4 c. humility

Mix thoroughly. Add tears of joy, sorrow and sympathy. Flavor with love and kindly service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith. After pouring all this into daily life, bake well with the heart of human kindness. Serve with a smile anytime and it will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

Komo Kau Hale (visitations)

If you or someone you know would like to have Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa and/or the deacons visit (home or hospital), fellowship, or administer Holy Communion, please call our church office at 637-9364.

Ke Akua pu (God Be With You).



Prayers are needed for:



Steve Ballard, Jerry Benson, Edwina Bush, Ann Cabacungan, Michelle Clarabell, Diane Canon, Yvonne Cox, Carol Custino, Kaipo Dixon, Joe Guyton, Duane Hammerstrom, Daniel Hatchie, Walter Henry, David Heisel, Hirota 'ohana, Reuben Kaio, Vernon Kishinami, Eugene "Boy" Mark, Mama Kahu Rica Merseberg, George Minakami, George Morita, Lopaka Myers, William Nakamura, Suala Navarro, Loren Nelson, Jacob Ng, Susan Niimi, Ryan Normandin, Gary Paracuelles, Lyn Passos, Bill Satterwaite, Neal Satterwaite, Jim and Edna Stewart, Addie Tabije, Ron Toma, Mason Tsujiguchi, Norman Yates, and Sarah Young.

Special prayers for our men and women of both the military and civilians who are serving our country around the world to keep us safe. Our continued prayers for the families that have lost loved ones, for those who are injured, and for those who are in harm's way.

Ke Akua, we ask that you grant to them all much healing, peace and Aloha. Amene.

In Loving Memory

Deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Charles Kale Hanchett, who passed away on February 9, 2018. He was a member of the Hauula Congregational Church and delegate of the Oahu Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches. Services were held on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Hauula Congregational Church.



Deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of the late Rose Laumaina Hirota, 95 years young, who passed away on March 14, 2018. She was affectionately known as Gramma Rose, Auntie Rose, Tutu Rose to name a few. She was one of Ke Akua's most dedicated and faithful servant. She faithfully served on multiple church committees, was a former Sunday school teacher, deaconess emeritus, and one of our living treasurers of our church. We will truly miss her smile and her guidance as she was a mentor to many. Services are on Saturday, April 28, 2018 here at Lili'uokalani Church.

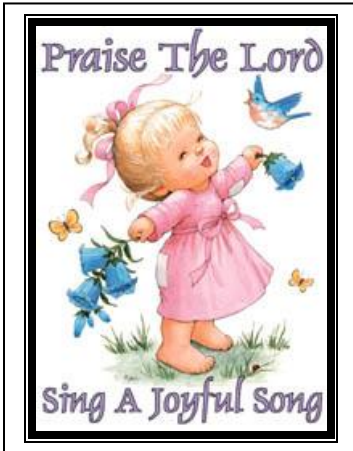
Visitation from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Services at 11:00 a.m. with Kahu Wally Ryan Kuroiwa and Kahu Kimo Merseberg officiating. 2 Chronicles 7:14 was one of Auntie Rose's favorite scriptures.

2 Chronicles 7:14

*"If my people, who are called by my name,
will humble themselves and pray and
seek my face and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and
I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

Music Committee Message:

Members: Eileen Hirota (music director), Sharon Kuntz (Chair), Carolyn Williams



Please come and join us each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. for Singspiration.

If you want to share your talents during offertory, just let Eileen Hirota know.

Did you know . . .

Princess Lydia Kamakaeha Dominis was the choir director and organist at Kawaiahao Church. She would later become our beloved Queen of Hawaii.

Princess Lydia Kamakaeha Dominis was given the name Lili'uokalani and named Crown Princess on 10 April 1877 by her brother, King David Laamea Kalakaua, upon the death of their younger brother, William Pitt Leleiohoku.



Stewardship Message:

Members: Salvie Alfanta, Nicole Andrade, Eileen Hirota, Jennifer Hirota-Tulikihifo, Meri Peter

One Great Hour of Sharing

Mahalo nui loa! We collected \$175 for our One Great Hour of Sharing mission.



Spring Kalua Pig Fundraiser – March 17, 2018

Mahalo a nui loa to the many hands and hearts that shared together to make our fundraiser a success! We sold out AGAIN! More than 1500 bowls of pork were sold! Our plates lunches sold from our booth in the front of the church were also a hit! Our community friends and neighbors gave us their full support. Mahalo a nui loa ke Akua for your continued love and grace. All proceeds continue to help with the mission and ministry of this our Ekalesia o Lili'uokalani!



Mahalo to all the many helping hands,
Kamehameha Schools Classes 1965 and 1968,
and the awesome fellowship.

42nd Annual Church Luau (August 4th)

Our annual luau is just around the corner. Please mark your calendars!!

Saturday, August 4, 2018

Tickets, donation list, and work schedule (July 31, August 1, 2, and 3, 2018) will be available shortly. Your kokua is greatly appreciated.

2018-2019 CHURCH COUNCIL OF LILI'UOKALANI PROTESTANT CHURCH

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