



The Messenger

September 2020

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
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Priest's Musings

"Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity
And passes over the rebellious act of the remnant of His possession?
He does not retain His anger forever,
Because He delights in unchanging love.
He will again have compassion on us;
He will tread our iniquities under foot.
Yes, You will cast all their sins
Into the depths of the sea.
You will give truth to Jacob
And unchanging love to Abraham,
Which You swore to our forefathers
From the days of old." *Micah 7:18-20*



For our Jewish brothers and sisters these words from the Prophet Micah are recited during Rosh Hashanah, the celebration of the new year in the Jewish calendar. It is usually said next to a body of fresh water and afterwards clothing is shaken. These ritual acts are symbolic ways of recalling God's infinite mercy, admitting the reality of our sins and casting them away with the resolution to begin anew. I have always really liked the commemoration of Rosh Hashanah since I first learned of it because it always falls in September. Personally, September has always seemed like the beginning of the new year because of resuming the school year. Think of it. There are all kinds of 'going back to school' rituals from getting new shoes, school supplies, learning a new bus route, meeting a new teacher, reconnecting with old friends. This ancient Jewish custom is just one more layer of September reminding us that with the coming of the fall there is an opportunity to begin again. Thanks be to God that there is always the grace to begin again! We serve a God who specializes in forgiveness and restoration. Jesus Christ conquered sin and death by rising from the grave! As this September unfolds let us be reminded that with God we are always able to begin again with love, healing, forgiveness and grace. And may we be generous to extend that same grace to others. Blessings, *Patti+*



Delegates to the Electing Convention held August 29, 2020 have elected the Rev. Dr. Diana Akiyama as the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon.

The vote was confirmed after two ballots, concluding the year-long process of seeking a successor for Bishop Michael Hanley who began his service in the Diocese in 2010 and will retire in January 2021.

"It is with deep gratitude to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Oregon gathered in convention this day that I rejoice in the election of the 11th bishop of Oregon, the Rev. Akiyama," said Bishop Hanley.

"We did not choose the circumstances under which to hold the Episcopal Election. However, with the exceptionally creative and hard work of the Transition Committee, the flexibility of our Candidates and the fervent prayers of the Diocese we feel so blessed to bring this process to a full and joyous conclusion." said the Rev. Dr. Patti Hale, President of the Standing Committee.

Read more about Bishop-elect Akiyama at this link -- <https://www.diocese-oregon.org/akiyama-bishop-elect/>

September Music, with ALOHA from Kate Moody, Parish Music Director

I have been learning a song by Robert J.K. Nawahine, "Ekolu Mea Nui" (see lyric and YouTube link below), and wanted to play an instrumental version of it on the first Sunday of September (first Sundays customarily being a Contemporary Service). That got me thinking about including more Hawaiian music:

Aloha, We Are One in Spirit (Kate Moody)

Lili'uokalani's Prayer: "Your love is there in heaven, And your truth is filled with sanctity."

Hawaii Aloha (Rev. Lorenzo Lyons, James McGranahan) - a song of beauty which can be applied to any homeland:

O Hawaii, O sands of my birth
My native home
I rejoice in the blessings of heaven
O Hawaii, aloha.

Happy youth of Hawaii
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Gentle breezes blow
Love always for Hawaii.

May your divine throngs speak
Your loving people, O Hawaii
The holy light from above
O Hawaii, aloha.
God protects you
Your beloved ridges
Your ever glistening streams
Your beautiful flower gardens.



Hawaiian Lullaby (Hector Venegas, Peter Moon)

Aloha O'e: another beloved song by Queen Lili'uokalani.

Ekolu Mea Nui

YouTube of Jesse Tinsley singing Ekolu Mea Nui: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ti8f6kg__ZU

'EKOLU MEA NUI ("Three Greatest Things"), by Robert J.K. Nawahine

Based on I Cor 13:13: "And now abideth faith, hope and love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.")

'Ekolu mea nui ma ka honua
Three important things in the world
'O ka mana'o 'i'o ka mana'o lana
Faith, hope
A me ke aloha ke aloha ka i 'oi a'e
And love, love is the best
Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau, Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau
And everything is blessed, And everything is blessed.

E nā mākuā nā keiki
Oh parents, children
Nā mamo a Iuda me 'Epelaima
Descendents of Judah and Ephraim
E pa'a ka mana'o i ka pono i 'oi a'e
Think always that righteousness is best
Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau, Pōmaika'i nā mea āpau
And everything is blessed, And everything is blessed.





Coffee Hour is back!!

Coffee Hours are just the 25 maximum count for the 8 and 10 o'clock services so hosting a coffee hour is easier to manage and certainly enjoyed.

The coffee machine has been replaced so we are in GO mode! The electric water container is there for hot tea as well.

Some tips when hosting: Insulated coffee cups need to be used for the coffee and hot tea. Juice is always enjoyed and there are cold cups available.

Some suggestions: A wrapped store-purchased cookie like Famous Amos; an Entenmann's wrapped small pound cake or coffee cake, or a bakery item individually wrapped in plastic wrap like a bread, cookie, donut. Also Go-Gurt, a yogurt that is individually prepared, chips, Fritos. The younger group likes these. A bakery cake may be served without wrapping each piece. Whatever you would like to bring and share.

Or, if you could just prepare the coffee and set up the water carafes on the serving counter, that would be appreciated too. We do not need a snack every week! Silverware and any incidentals should be placed in the dishwasher and run before you leave.

The sign-up sheets are freshly prepared and are on clip boards in the Undercroft.

Coffee Hour has always been a time to meet and chat for a few minutes, even while wearing masks. Please do come down stairs after the service and say Hello.

See you Sunday! *Carla Courtney*

Meet Your Vestry - Al Rumsch

I have lived in Coos Bay now for six years. When I retired from teaching at Department of Defense schools overseas, I moved here and Emmanuel Episcopal Parish became my church home. My wife was born and raised in Coos Bay, so we had always planned to end up here, and we had already bought a retirement home overlooking the bay.

With all the recreational opportunities in the area, and the chores involved in maintaining the house and yard, I have not really had the time to miss teaching, and Suzanne and I have been taking the opportunity to travel in America, starting with Oregon. When Doug Laird asked me to help with the lawn mowing and other yard work, I was glad to be able to contribute to the parish. I have been on the Vestry now for three years, and have also served on the preschool board.



The Washington National Cathedral has inspiring online Morning Prayer services and Reflections daily.
“A wonderful way to start one's day.” ~Shared by Elizabeth Roman

ABOUT: Washington National Cathedral's official YouTube Channel offers a wide variety of videos featuring the diverse activities that happen on the Cathedral grounds. They livestream a weekly Sunday Worship service and offer sermons from recent services.

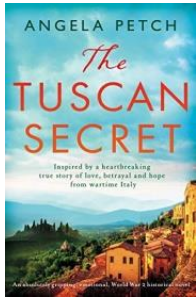
Policing and a Just Society: Series by the Washington Cathedral

Calls to end systemic racism are coming from around the country. The path to a just society must respect the dignity of all people – community members and police officers alike – as we discern the way forward.

Explore more here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL1nLVw6M_fPisN8Gfk_tRsjTXqSexemlK

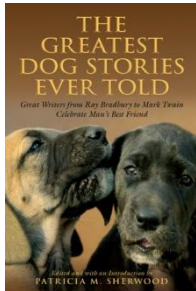


Summer Reading Reviews



The Tuscan Secret by Angela Petch

A stunning tale, inspired by true events, about how the tragic consequences of war can echo through generations, and how love can guide us through the darkest times.



The Greatest Dog Stories Ever Told by Patricia M. Sherwood (Editor)

This book contains thirty unforgettable dog tales. It is wonderful for heartwarming, bedtime reading. The tales are a compilation of a great variety of tales beautifully written by outstanding writers.

~Submitted by Liz Cowden



Nancylee Stewart and Cary Pugh Wedding Anniversary - September 3

Teri Whitty Birthday - September 3

Lynn Nasburg Birthday - September 5

Sally Jaeggli Birthday - September 6

Bruce Bennett Birthday - September 9

Joe McKeown Birthday - September 12

Tammy Gilson-Laird Birthday - September 29



*Flowers given in Loving Memory of Amy Rebecca Wall Eades
September 5 for what would have been Amy's 36th birthday. ~Sue Wall & Family*

****October Newsletter Submissions Deadline is Thursday, September 24th****

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