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**Easter Sunday
March 23rd**

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Aloha Nui Loa!

Twelve years ago, it was all something new and unbelievable—to have been invited to lead a church that not only sat for worship in the round but also celebrated communion weekly—and in Hawaii!

As we move into whatever March brings (the choir’s Palm Sunday presentation of Schubert’s Mass in G, the March 16th Annual Meeting culmination of our Jabbok River Sojourn, the March 23rd Easter Celebration of Jesus’ Resurrection complete with infant baptism), I am grateful to God for all that we have experienced together (over the past twelve years and especially in the most recent months) and for what lies ahead.

The celebrating of Paul Snipe’s 80th birthday last Sunday—seeing his bright beaming face—holding our collective breath as young Penelope (this time as a

visitor from the mainland) lights the worship candles, turning away from the Communion Table to find that Bob and June still have my back—it makes me wonder. Could the kingdom in heaven be any better than this?

And yet, as I think about the strategic planning we have been doing, especially focusing upon ways to share with a larger community how God calls us to do and be in faith community, I am moved beyond satisfaction with the past and present to an energized anticipation and enthusiastic welcome of what is yet to come.

The Jabbok River dawn is breaking. Come, let us leave this place together.

Mahalo nui loa, blessings and more later.

Buddy

Notice of

Congregational Meeting
March 16th, following worship

- Receive 2007 Annual Report
- Elect 2008 Audit Committee
- Elect 2008 Nominating Com.
- Adopt 2008 Operating Budget
- Adopt 2008 Capital Budget

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Tenebrae Service
2/21, 7 pm
St. John Lutheran Church
1004 Kailua Road, Kailua
(See page 2 for related article.)

Everyone is invited to
a special Palm Sunday
Service of Worship
Sunday, March 16, 10 am
featuring a presentation of
Franz Schubert’s
Mass in G
by
CCU Chancel Choir
(See page 2 for related article.)



Schubert's Mass in G for Palm Sunday

For this Spring's Major Works, I have selected Franz Schubert's Mass in G. The CCU Chancel Choir will be singing the mass on Palm Sunday during the worship service.

We will again have at least one guest singer and continue to encourage other Oahu singers to join us for these forays into the musical landscape.

Schubert (1797-1828) wrote this piece in just five days, during the 2nd to the 7th of March 1815. Although he was not Roman Catholic, it was common for composers to write in the style. To keep the Mass simple, he chose to write for the "Ordinary" only and so we will hear just the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus and the Agnus Dei.

We will again feature our own talented soloists—Stephanie Shade, soprano, Clancy Lyman, tenor, and Paul Belanger, bass.



Tenebrae Service

3/21, 7 pm
St. John Lutheran Church

"Light in the Darkness" with piano and flute will be presented. It is a Tenebrae service for choir, soloist, narrator and optional chamber orchestra which follows the events of the Last Supper, betrayal, and the suffering and death of Jesus. Arrangements of masterwork choruses, hymns, Gregorian chant and a chorale are provided with a dramatic narrative drawn from biblical passion accounts and the Psalms.

We have been learning the piece for the first hour of our regular Thursday evening rehearsals and will add another full run-through on Saturday, the 15th from 2-4 p.m.

This year's Palm Sunday service promises to be a calm, celebratory time and is I certainly encourage you to invite friends.

Alleluia!
CHRIST IS RISEN

3/23 Easter Sunday
at CCU
Worship 10 am
followed by
Easter Brunch

Please bring a finger food item
to share with others.

(Put in kitchen prior to worship.)

CCU Adult Study March 2 & 9

The Sunday morning group continues to explore a study entitled, "Chocolate for Lent." It's based on the Oscar-nominated movie, "Chocolat," and focuses on themes of self-discipline, self-giving, acceptance and transformation.

March 17 & 24

The study group will be on break.

March Event Schedule:

Key: K = Kitchen L = Lanai PS = Pastor's Study S = Sanctuary

3/1, 8am	Men's Breakfast @ Honey's@ Koolau Golf Club
3/2, 9 & 30 8:30am	Adult Study
3/5, 7 pm (B4)	Council Stated Meeting
3/6, 6:30 & 7:30pm (S) & succeeding Thursdays	Chancel Ringers & Chancel Choir, respectively
3/8, 10:30am	Women's Aloha Fellowship Brunch @ Cinnamon's in Kailua
3/9, 7pm (S)	Taizé-style worship
3/11, 3-9 pm	Presbytery of Pacific meeting @ Calvary Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, CA (Pastor Summers attending)
3/16, following worship	Congregational Meeting
3/21, 7pm	WCC Good Friday Tenebrae Service @ St. John Lutheran Church
3/23, 10 am	Easter Sunday worship (includes baptism of Ella Barnhill) followed by potluck Easter Brunch
3/24-4/1	Pastor on Study Leave and attends CC (DOC) PSWR Pastors' Retreat in CA

Taizé

Worship
at CCU
3/8, 7 pm

Taizé postcards are available at the guest podium or in the church office that can be used to invite people to this special service of worship.

Witness Commission . . .

Sharing Resources Changing Lives

That's what the Presbyterian One Great Hour of Sharing/Disciples' Week of Compassion offering does . . . changes lives. This offering will be received on Easter Sunday, March 23 (or any time before).



It is remarkable what your gift will do:

- \$10 can help start a small Moringa tree nursery with 10 seedlings
- \$10 a month can provide books, uniform and tuition for an African child
- \$50 can provide a small loan to a woman in Latin America to start a small business
- \$20 can help a Haitian villager purchase a pair of goats, which can help support his family with milk and offspring.
- \$150 can support a Presbyterian Disaster Team member for a day while consulting with disaster-affected presbyteries
- \$350 can provide emergency shelter and food to a homeless youth for an entire year
- \$300 provides one Inter-Church Medical Assistance medicine box to prevent or treat disaster-related diseases
- \$200 can provide a water sanitation system for a family in Central America
- \$1,000 can help a community in West Africa build a large-diameter, 30 ft deep well

If you want to know more of what your gift will do, there is a Sharing Calendar available; pick one up after church. Involve your children (colorful fish banks will be provided).

Last year's offering was almost \$1500 and in past years has reached even higher levels. Please prayerfully consider what your special offering will be.



Family Promise Reflection

EK and Marianne spent the night with Family Promise guests last week. EK shared this reflection (initials and names changed to protect guests' privacy):

"We just got back from overnight hosting some homeless families at our church. One husband works all night at Honolulu Wal-Mart loading docks and the wife works up to 80 hours a week as a manager at a Tesoro station. I agree with Obama - Every working American deserves a living wage.

There were 3-year-old twin boys named "Sweetness" and "Light," but were called "DK" and "JK." A 6-year-old girl had trouble with the concept that my name was initials. Then DK and JK came in to meet EK and MK! Incidentally, the 6-year-old child's Mom reads to her every night, and she is becoming a voracious reader!

Some homeless people have a lot more courage than I think I could muster."

**Presbytery of the Pacific
to meet in Hawaii May 17th
at First Presbyterian
Church at Ko'olau . . .**

**CCU members are encouraged
to participate in this event. Your
help is also needed.**

**Please complete the "Where I
Can Help" questionnaire posted
on the Breezeway bulletin board
and return it to the church office
asap.**

Thank you.

This issue of Ka Elele Aloha runs through March. The April 2008 newsletter information deadline is March 27th.



Being a "Conscious Consumer"

by Charlene Hosenfeld
of the CCU Green Team

Continuing the topic of being a "conscious consumer," I am writing today about what we might choose not to consume. Buying water in plastic bottles is one of those things I suggest we Re-think. Consider that we can eliminate or greatly Reduce our purchase of bottled water.

→ Reasons for buying plastic bottles of water:

- Convenience

→ Reasons for *not* buying plastic bottles of water:

Bad for the Environment

- 29+ billion plastic water bottles are used in the US annually
- 47 million gallons of oil are used each year just in their manufacture
- Transport and disposal of the bottles generates greenhouses gases and water pollution
- 85% are thrown away
- Bulging landfills are a huge problem
- Plastic is not recyclable or biodegradable; the breakdown of plastic can take thousands of years, and the components seep into our water supplies
- Eliminating the plastic water bottles that we use in the US each year would be equivalent to removing 100,000 cars from the road and 1 billion lbs. of CO₂ from the atmosphere

No Better, and Probably Worse for Our Health

- 25% is tap water
- Food & Drug Administration regulates bottled water, but only if it crosses state lines
- EPA regulates tap water, and their standards are higher than FDA standards
- One-third of bottled water was found to be contaminated at levels that exceeded even FDA standards
- Reusing #1 bottles can result in leaching of chemicals from the plastic into the water
- According to the 2007 Honolulu Board of Water Supply "Water Quality Report," we "are blessed with water that is among the best in the world"

Waste of Money

- Americans spend almost \$11 billion each year on bottled water
- A bottle of water can cost up to 1000 times the cost of its production
- Bottled water costs up to 10,000 times more than tap water

Social Justice Issues

- Plastic bottles are a waste of water . . . the amount of water necessary to make a bottle is equal to almost 5 times the volume of that bottle
- 1 billion+ people around the world do not have safe drinking water
- Corporations that bottle water are worsening this situation by privatizing aquifers and pumping them dry

**Re-think , Reduce ...
Every action matters.
Drink tap water.**



Dearest friends,

Aloha from the office of Church Relations at Chapman University! We received your thoughtful note of encouragement today and truly feel your aloha spirit with each signature on the beautiful stationary. Mahalo for all your prayers. Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we go through the first round of interviews for a new director of church relations. We wait in joyful hope to see whom the Spirit will send us!

Peace and blessings to you all.

Cisa Payuyo
Associate Director
The Office of Church Relations
Chapman University

Child Safety Policy: It is the intention of CCU to provide a space safe from child abuse. Staff and lay leaders are screened and educated about child abuse in general and both Hawaii Law and CCU policies in particular regarding prevention and reporting of suspected abuse. A copy of the CCU Child Abuse Policy is available from the church office upon request.

CCU People and Places



Lu Burgoyne enters her fifth week of healing from a recent fall in which she broke her hip. "You are in our prayers, Lu and Jim, as you work through this time of life adjustments and healing."

Rosemary Allen is home from the hospital where she was over the weekend (again) and is recuperating from flu complications. "We wish her well and look forward to more "Memories" and "About Presbyterians" columns in forthcoming church newsletters!"



CCU member **Tyffany O'Connell and William McCue** will be married on the morning of February 29th at the Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club. "Congratulations and best wishes, Tyffany and William." Both are graduates of Kailua High School; they will reside in Kailua.

Julie Stiles, on active National Guard duty, is stationed at COB Speicher but probably will be going to Baghdad for 1 to 3 months. **CCU is preparing to send her a "Comfort Box."** **Please bring to church on Sunday, 3/2, small items (food or otherwise) you feel she would appreciate & sign the Love Note addressed to Julie which will be on the Communion-Table.** "We love you, Julie; keep safe is our prayer!"

Allyson O'Connell, US Air Force, continues her schooling in Monterey, CA and later in Salt Lake City, UT. "We love you and support you in this effort."

It was wonderful to see **Matt & Elizabeth Hobbie & their children Penelope and Peter** here last Sunday; it was like 'old times' as we worshipped together. "We all miss you but wish you well in Ilwaco, WA."

June Grantham will have a pacemaker put in on March 4th at Castle Hospital. "We all pray for a good procedure."

Heather Barnhill is expecting company (her parents) around Easter time & Easter Sunday is when her newest child (**Ella Catherine**) will be baptized. "We await this happy event."

*Just in—***Dawn Zeilinger and Matthew Garcia** are planning a August 3rd wedding at Luana Hills Country Club. "Congratulations!"

Moments in Disciples History

Drummer To Bugle Blower

(From Disciples News Service, February 13, 2008)

The young black man, still a teenager, looked down on the city of Richmond, Va. Clad in the blue of the Union Army, with his drum in hand, the young man looked on as camps were set up all around the city to lay siege to the capital of the Confederacy. His emotions must have been running high as he realized that, finally, the fate of his family was about to change forever.

While he started as a Union Army drummer, Preston Taylor (1849-1931) went on to become what we might call a "bugle blower," because the clear advances he made on behalf of African-Americans caused the sounds of new freedoms to be heard all across the United States.



Preston Taylor

In many ways, Taylor's life began in 1884, the year he moved to Nashville, Tenn. It was from this "Athens of the South" that Taylor launched successful business ventures and enthusiastic Christian ministries, all with the members of the Black community in mind. Whether it was the purchase of a large tract of land to build a cemetery (Greenwood Cemetery), locating the funds to establish a funeral home, or working with civic leaders to form a school, Taylor could declare a victory for almost everything he put his hand to. Perhaps nothing compared in spectacle to his annual "State Colored Fair," that attracted tens of thousands each year to the beautiful park Taylor had built for the recreation of African-Americans in the early twentieth century.

The driving force of all this creativity was Taylor's commitment to Christ, and his service to the Christian Church locally and nationally. He served as minister of the Gay Street Christian Church in Nashville (which started life as a mission of Vine Street Christian Church), and went on to co-found what is now the New Covenant Christian (Disciples of Christ) in Nashville. However, it was his work on the national stage which truly made his efforts remarkable. In 1917 Taylor led in founding the National Christian Missionary Convention (NCMC) to give a united voice to Black Disciples. Under his guidance, the NCMC partnered with the United Christian Missionary Society to further the efforts of a whole Church where every person stood on equal ground before Christ. The spirit of the NCMC lives on today in the National Convocation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

When we think of the great African-American leaders our country has produced in science, the arts, education, politics, civil rights, business, and ministry, we can place Preston Taylor among those who have made major contributions for the betterment of society at large. And as we celebrate this great leader, maybe we could be forgiven a little pride, because with all of his achievements, Preston Taylor was, at his core, a Disciple.

Lay & elder worship assignments for March

If you are not able to fill your assignment, please try trading with someone and/or notify the church office.

Date	Name	Duty
3/2	Jon & Eli Davidann	Ushers/Greeters
	Beth Davidann	Morning Prayer
	Susan Wilson	Time with the Younger Church
	Wendy Teixeira	Scripture Reader
	Marian Heidel	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Dianne Brookins	Communion Server w/ Table Prayer
3/9	Bob Grantham	Ushers/Greeters
	Wendy Teixeira	Morning Prayer
	Connie Mitchell	Time with the Younger Church
	Cheryl Renfroe	Scripture Reader
	Rennie Renfroe	People Prayers
	Beth Davidann	Communion Server w/Table Prayer
3/16	Passion/Palm Sunday	
	Schubert's Mass in G presentation	
	Loren Wilson, Cathy Lyman	Usher/Greeters
	Connie Mitchell Bob Grantham	People Prayers & Communion Server Communion Server w/Table Prayer
3/23 Easter	Charlene Hosenfeld	Usher/Greeters
	Rollo Scheurenbrand	Morning Prayer
	Corky Sorensen	Time with the Younger Church
	Estelle Codier	Scripture Reading
	Bill Muench	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Paul Belanger Rennie Renfroe	Communion Server w/Table Prayer
3/30	Mark & Connie Mitchell	Usher/Greeters
	Paul Snipes	Morning Prayer
	Jane/Bill Muench	Time with the Younger Church
	Jan Stiles	Scripture Reading
	Jim Burgoyne	People Prayers & Communion Server
	Connie Mitchell	Communion Server w/Table Prayer

March Birthdays

Sharon Dzakowic	1
"Doc" Wilson	2
John Lozier	3
Logan Grantham.....	6
Ian Lansdown.....	7
Keith Zeilinger	11
Estelle Codier	18
Patrick Tom	21
Bob Grantham.....	22
Adam Zeilinger	24
Lacy Renfroe.....	25
Peggy Haring.....	26
William Grantham.....	28

Anniversaries

E. K. & Marianne Whiting	5
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March Flower Calendar

March 2	Stiles
March 9	Codier/Summers
March 16	Muench
March 23	Easter Lilies
March 30	Lyman

About Easter flowers . . .

CCUers are requested to help decorate the sanctuary on Easter Sunday with Easter lilies that may be accompanied by a printed dedication. Please complete a dedication form (which will be available at the guest podium) and turn it into the church office by Sunday, March 16th. On Easter Sunday, bring your lily to church. Be sure to mark your container with you name and to take it home afterwards.

Thank you, June Grantham

Children in Worship: Bible Stories

Children love stories! A new series began December 2 and runs through Eastertime, titled: **"Who is Jesus? Let me tell you a story!"** February story selections follow:

March 2	Luke 19:1-10	Zacchaeus
March 9	Matthew 6:9-13	The Lord's Prayer
March 16	Matthew 21:1-17	Out of the Mouths of Infants
March 23	Luke 24:13-35	The Lord is Risen
March 30	John 20:19-22	Jesus Sends His Disciples

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