

CLARION

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Communion Sunday



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OUR CALENDAR

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

In Person Worship Service

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

Communion Sunday

Deacon's Meeting 11:30

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, October 31, 2021, with social distancing. Call to Worship, Pete Morris; Scripture, Janie Inouye (Mark 10: 46-52); music, Ann Kiriya, Ron Ota, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Bob Hayashi, Ron Ota, and Nick Tomoyasu; and the Rev. Anne Oglesby Edwards for her sermon "**Blind Spots**".

A reminder for those who cannot join us in person, we are live streaming our 10:30 worship service via YouTube. The link is sent out by email the day before service, or search "First Presbyterian Church Altadena" on YouTube. Service is simultaneously recorded, and can be viewed at a later time.

WHO'S MAILING

November 8	Volunteers
November 15	Volunteers
November 22	Volunteers
November 29	Volunteers

*This week: Volunteers

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DR. GRACE KAO, CHRISTIAN ETHICIST

The Rev. Dr. Lee Hinson-Hasty of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s Committee on Theological Education, host of the podcast "Leading Theologically," likes to start off the Facebook Live events by asking his guest, "What is making you come alive?"

Dr. Grace Y. Kao (pronounced "Gow"), professor of Christian Ethics at the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, told Hinson-Hasty during a recent podcast it's "this next generation" of students.

"I'm teaching undergraduates for the first time in a decade," Kao said. "It's their commitment to social justice. They're trying to be antiracist and they're taking steps to be more environmentally sustainable. They correct themselves when they become aware of things they need to change. What's making me come alive is them, frankly." What's giving those students that drive, that hope, asked Hinson-Hasty.

It's "a confluence of factors," Kao responded. The Black Lives Matter movement is part of it, Kao said, but "while we were all stuck at home," students asked, "What about the environment? Why are young people changing their eating and consumer habits and pressing the business sector and the public sector to clean up their acts? I think the fact that ordinary folks can have a platform" by doing something akin to what Kao and Hinson-Hasty were doing at the time, using social media to exchange ideas, "has something to do with it. I think the dissemination of power has something to do with it. I don't know all the reasons people are coming alive and taking charge, but I'm appreciating it."

When Kao sees gifts in her students, particularly the potential to teach in higher education, "I want to encourage them. You can only pay things forward — you can never pay [her own mentors] back. So, I try to nurture the next generation of talent when I find it."

Kao said she's working on two projects in addition to her teaching. One's a monograph that develops a theology of reparations for Asian Americans, aggrieved by actions including the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 and the incarceration of Japanese Americans during World War II. In Hawaii, she noted, generations of Asian Americans have apologized to Native Hawaiians, and the U.S. government has apologized to the former kingdom of Hawaii. Such acts, Kao said, have economic repercussions and can result in the redistribution of land. "Asian Americans are in a unique position," Kao said. "They've been on both sides."

On the rise in consciousness regarding recent anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander acts of violence, Kao said campuses across the country are undertaking significant Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) efforts, "and for very appropriate reasons, they are focused on anti-Black racism." What's next, Kao said, is "talking about cross-racial solidarity."

In the aftermath of 9/11, religion scholars were often asked, "What does the Koran really say about" whatever topic interested the questioner, Kao recalled. "As a religion scholar, you want to move beyond that first question to talk about how we build a racially just society." Now that the national consciousness is being raised, "what is next is getting into the messiness, the nuances."

Asked by Hinson-Hasty to deliver a blessing or charge following the 30-minute interview, Kao turned to "my shero," the Presbyterian activist Yuri Kochiyama, who made the 1993 documentary "Passion for Justice." Had she lived (Kochiyama died in 2014), Kochiyama, who was interned for two years during World War II, would have celebrated her 100th birthday on Wednesday. Kao paraphrased Kochiyama's message: "Remember that consciousness is power. Consciousness is education and knowledge. Consciousness is becoming aware. Consciousness-raising is pertinent for power. Be sure that power will not be abusively used, but be used for building trust and goodwill, domestically and internationally. Tomorrow's world is yours to build."

Mike Ferguson, Editor, Presbyterian News Service

November 3, 2021

OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from October 27, 2021 thru November 2, 2021

Children and Youth Ministry

Pete and Sue Morris

Deacons

Hiroko Nishiyama
David and Ivy Sakamoto
Mark and Midori Tajima

Peace and Global Witness

Anonymous

Presbyterian Women

David and Ivy Sakamoto Yee

Special

Mary Matsumoto



Day Light Savings time will soon be coming to an end. We will be "falling back" an hour. Remember on Saturday evening, **November 6, we set our clocks back one (1) hour.** Don't forget, or you'll be a church an hour early!

October has blown by.... and with this issue of the Clarion, November has officially started. We thank everyone who has been able to contribute to the September and October Flavor of the month! Deacon Jon was able to deliver a ton of food to the Food Pantry. With November comes Thanksgiving! So our flavors for this month will be all the yummy things you would see at your Thanksgiving table. **Canned gravy, vegetables and yams, stuffing mixes, jello and bake boxes, instant potatoes...** use your imaginations! Drop your donations in the marked boxes in the sanctuary foyer,



**SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 6
DECEMBER 4
9AM – 11AM**

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One package per person.

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**Pasadena Japanese Cultural Institute
595 Lincoln Ave Pasadena, CA 91103**

MISCELLANY

Communion on Sunday, November 7

Please join us for Communion on Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 am at our IN-PERSON worship service in the church sanctuary. Alternatively, you may join us via livestream on Sunday, November 7 at 10:30 am. The livestream link will be sent to everyone closer to November 7. (If you miss the livestream at 10:30 am, a recording will be available for viewing later that day.)

Have you been by the church office lately? Stop by when you have a minute... and see the beautiful Jim Ishii painting on display. We thank Gini Ishida for making it possible!

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