

# CLARION



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*God's People Serving the World with Love and Faith in Action*  
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## OUR CALENDAR

*Communion is normally celebrated during worship service on the first Sunday of the month.*

MONDAY, May 30

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

*Communion Sunday*

*In Person Worship Service*

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

Join us for Coffee Hour

MONDAY, JUNE 6

Clarion Mailing 8:00a

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

*In person Worship Service*

Sunday Family Worship 10:30

## LEADERS IN WORSHIP

We are grateful to those persons who led us in worship on Sunday, May 29, 2022, with social distancing. Welcome, Larry Jung; Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Ron Ota; Scripture, Paul Kikuchi (Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 and James 2: 14-18); music, Kenny Elliott, Greg Middleton, Pete Morris, Ron Ota, and Gus Zdanovich; Sound and Visuals, Gary Lee, Sue Morris, and Nick Tomoyasu; and Veronica Ota for her sermon, "FPCA: Who We Were, Who We Are, Who We Can Be".

## WHO'S MAILING

June 6	Volunteers
June 13	Volunteers
June 20	Volunteers
June 27	Volunteers

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## Minute for Missions

### Memorial Day is a Day to Remember And a Day to Mourn

*God's thunder spits fire.  
God thunders, the wilderness quakes;  
He makes the desert of Kadesh shake.*

*God's thunder sets the oak trees dancing  
A wild dance, whirling; the pelting rain strips their branches.  
We fall to our knees—we call out, "Glory!"*

*Above the floodwaters is God's throne  
from which his power flows,  
from which he rules the world.*

*God makes his people strong.  
God gives his people peace.*

**Psalm 29**

War is neither necessary nor romantic. The deaths that come from war are needless and tragic. Those who give their lives in war may be remembered and honored for their selfless sacrifice, but the wars which brought their deaths are not glorious adventures. Our entry into war may at times be unavoidable but must never be sought. We mourn those killed in war on Memorial Day as we grieve the pain of loss and deprivation.

War in our world is a contradiction — we celebrate and rejoice in the redemption God has made available to all, the peace given through the love and grace of our Lord, and the strength we each can embody as we are filled by the precious Spirit. And yet, war remains even as we know sin and hatred are pervasive despite the very presence of God's kingdom.

On this Memorial Day, we are reminded of the tragedy of war — we remember and give thanks for those who have given their lives in service to our nation. We have often advanced the cause of freedom and justice through taking up arms to defend and protect the oppressed.

But we are also reminded of the cost of war and the evil that produces it. We see in glaring detail the tragedy heaped on the people of Ukraine.

One loss in Ukraine not often mentioned is Maksym Anatolyovych Kozachyn, a military chaplain of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church. Ordained in 2000, Chaplain Kozachyn was leaving the Kyiv region when shot and killed by advancing Russian soldiers. The soldiers did not permit locals to remove his body from the car in which he was murdered.

The Ukrainian military has embraced chaplains and has made efforts to ensure all faiths are represented. Many chaplains of the United States and other nations have helped Ukraine develop a sense of chaplaincy. These servants play a critical role in ministering to the members of the besieged and outnumbered Ukrainian forces and have brought a palpable sense of the presence of God into the midst of great suffering and chaos. Chaplain Kozachyn gave his life seeking to be with his people.

Father Andriy Zelinsky, SJ, the chief military chaplain of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, said in a recent interview, "We find ourselves at a time when the greatest gift we have is in danger, that is, our humanity."

On this Memorial Day, may we remember and mourn those whose lives have been lost in the tragedy of war. May we also remember God makes us strong and gives us peace through the precious humanity and sacrificial obedience of the beloved child — our Savior and Redeemer. May we seek to redeem all our humanity.

*Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies supports more than 150 PC(USA) chaplains who minister in federal prisons, veteran administration hospitals, and as noncombatants in the military "that all may practice in peace."*

*Lyman Smith, Executive Director, Presbyterian Federal Chaplaincies*

June 1, 2022

## OUR THANKS

Our church expresses our sincere appreciation to the following members and friends for their gifts from May 24, 2022 thru May 31, 2022

### Clarion

Mark and Donna Gonzales,  
In memory of Ambre Gonzales and  
George Kiriyaama  
Debbie Kostich

### Deacons

Larry and Wandy Jung, In  
celebration of Debbie Kostich's  
birthday

### Memorial Day

Yae Nagai, In memory of George Nagai,  
Roy, Diana, and Wendy Kawamoto,  
Chieko Tomoyasu, and Karlow Wakiji  
Michael & Karen Breul (Seal Beach) and  
Janice Toriumi & Monty Matsukawa  
(Bainbridge Island, WA), in memory of  
their parents, Rev. Donald & Sophie  
Toriumi

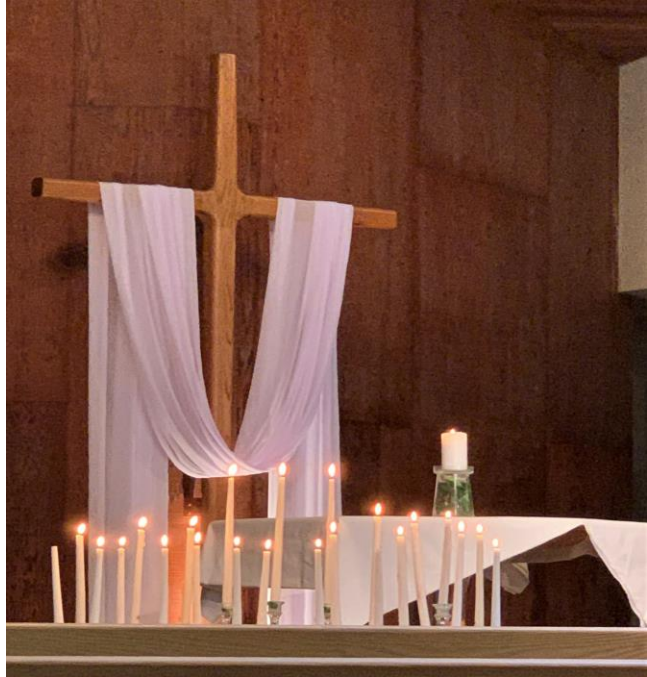
### In Memory

Elsie Hayashi, for Henry Hayashi  
Kevin Hayashi, for Ambre Gonzales  
and Roy McManus  
David and Kelly Hokyo,  
for Jake and Kurt Matsumoto  
Larry and Wandy Jung, for Lai Wah Quon  
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Yutani, Uchida, and Mitsumori families

### Special

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Debbie Kostich  
Rick and Jean Osaka  
Carolyn Ota  
Marla and Dave Smith  
Pam Tajima Praeger (Spokane)  
Rev. Wendy Tajima  
Lorraine Woody

## Memorial Day Candle Lighting



First the 3 tall candles.

1. In memory of the Japanese speaking ministers and the lay persons, our Isseis, the first-generation Japanese Americans, who established our church over 108 years ago in 1913, and also the memory of the Federated Missions Board members, Caucasians who gave much needed spiritual and financial support to our church.
2. In memory of our pastors who served our church so faithfully through the years and the older Niseis, second generation Japanese Americans who provided much of the leadership after our return from the internment camps in 1945.
3. In memory of the later generations of Japanese Americans and persons of other ethnic groups who have made our church what it is today. Also included in the lighting of the third candle is to fulfill the reason for Memorial Day, to honor the memory of the men and women who died in the Armed Forces to help keep our country free.

And the smaller candles are for members and friends who have passed away May 27, 2021 to May 29, 2022.

Ron Brown  
Kimio Red Hamane  
Mary Hatate  
Betty Kirchgessner  
Shong Sik Lee  
Kurt Matsumoto

Dwight Middleton  
Fred Miwa  
Eugene Morris  
Jack Nishiyama  
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