

# ***Ka Hā A Ke Akua***

## **The Breath of God**

***Iune-Iulai-'Aukake  
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When the church invited me to remain as *kahu* after the initial “interim” period ended, I agreed, with the understanding that we would engage in some intentional work on issues that will have a direct impact on our future. Obvious issues include current staffing pattern, stewardship, and recruitment of young families into church membership. Other issues may require some deeper speculation such as whether to engage in an “Open and Affirming” process? Does Keawala’i want to be recognized as a “Just Peace” church. Is our church fully accessible and meets ADA requirements? How/ Should we open our doors to other organizations or programs of the community? A careful and thoughtful review of each of these issues and possible recommendations to church leadership will help to guide the Pastoral Search Committee as it seeks to call the most suitable pastoral candidate for Keawala’i.

I’ve thought about this process and about a prospective group to help me formulate a series of recommendations for future consideration. I set out to recruit a “Transition Team” with specific criteria in mind. I wanted team members who have a deep love for Keawala’i, and the ability to look at our church critically in order to make suggestions for improvement as we seek God’s will for us. These folks need to be able to think outside the box while keeping their feet firmly grounded in the ethos that is Keawala’i. I believe I have found a group that will do just that.

I am happy to announce that Cameron Keys, Alice McDermott, Joe McDermott, Sue Nygren, Karen Rollins, Linda Somera, and Edith Kapiko (ex officio) have all agreed to serve. I will guide the group as the team chair. Our initial meeting was held on May 31 and we hope to conclude our work over the next several months. The goal is to issue our report to the Church Council by its Spring 2023 meeting if not sooner. By that time, we should be able to re-open our church’s pastoral search as we seek the next settled *kahu* for our congregation.

I am delighted to be working with this enthusiastic team and solicit your prayers on our behalf. If you have any thoughts or ideas regarding topics of transition for our congregation that you want us to consider, please speak to any member of the team. We will discuss all ideas and suggestions presented to us.

This is an exciting time and can be a very creative one for Keawala’i. As I preached recently, this may be a time when we will see what previously “God alone could see.” May we open our eyes and move forward with courage as we are guided by God’s ever-present Spirit.

Mahalo for your prayers, ideas, and suggestions,  
Kahu Scott



## Easter 2022 in Pictures



## Hui Mālama O' Keawala'i

*Our caring giving group is asking for your kōkua.*

Hui Mālama O' Keawala'i was established in 2015 as a "care giving group" to assist our members whose 'Ohana live off-island. When there is an immediate need for assistance, Hui Mālama is contacted to help the family with the following needs: hospital or home visits, running errands or providing meals and transportation. This work is done by our trained volunteers who are overseen by the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee is asking for your kōkua. Some of our original faithful volunteers are no longer able to do these tasks so we are seeking new volunteers. You may choose which task or tasks you would be interested in doing but have no obligation to help if you are unable.

We all know the feeling of appreciation when one of our members helps us. We invite you to consider being one of our compassionate volunteers. Please contact Edie Kapiko at [etkapiko@gmail.com](mailto:etkapiko@gmail.com) or Cindy Mead at [meadcindyann@gmail.com](mailto:meadcindyann@gmail.com) if you would like to be part of Hui Mālama.

### *Hui Mālama Guidelines and Limitations*

The intent of Hui Mālama is for short term help until further assistance can be arranged. During our almost seven years of providing services, we have been asked to do more than we are able to do. Hui Mālama volunteers are not qualified or licensed to provide medical assistance or long-term care. We are able to help our members through the transition of immediate needs until other arrangements can be made. Our intake coordinator, Edie Kapiko can assess these needs. If additional assistance is necessary, we try to help the family seek other resources and options.

The magic of Hui Mālama is that we have a compassionate congregation who steps up when needed. And with your kōkua, you could help achieve our goal of being that caring community.

Mahalo,  
Cindy Mead, Chair

## Outreach Stories

### Your donations at work

A father is the sole caretaker of his adult daughter. She is epileptic and has seizures, has autism, and is nonverbal and bedridden. She was hospitalized but living at home now and has regular in-home health care. He can have her qualified to live in a facility but he would rather care for her in his home. They receive SSDI and SNAP as well as HUD housing assistance.



He had some friends helping him but they had access to his bank account and withdrew his money. He is resolving this with the bank but as a result fell behind on his bills. He planned to work part-time during the hours that he has in home care for his daughter — this is challenging as even the nurses need his help to care for her when they are there.

The Outreach Committee was able to provide a grant to help him with back rent so he was not evicted while he resolved his financial issues. When told he was given this grant, he said if he could hug everyone on the Committee he would.

## Event Calendar at a Glance

### June 2022

Sun. Jun. 5  
Board of Trustees  
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mon. Jun 6  
Church Council  
5:00 p.m.

Wed. Jun. 8  
Outreach Committee  
3:30 p.m.

Sun. Jun. 12  
Board of Deacons  
11:15 a.m.

Tues. Jun. 21  
Book Club  
10:00 a.m.

### July 2022

Sun. Jul. 3  
Board of Trustees  
11:15 a.m.

Wed. Jul. 6 - Thurs. Jul. 14  
Ben Verdery Guitar Class  
All Day

Sun. Jul. 10  
Board of Deacons  
11:15 a.m.

Wed. Jul. 13  
Ben Verdery Guitar Concert  
6:00 p.m.

Tues. Jul. 19  
Book Club  
10:00 a.m.



Kahu Scott will be heading to the continental U.S. in June to visit members of his family in Denver and Philadelphia. He will leave on June 15 and return on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Please contact the church office if you have any pastoral needs during his absence. The Rev. Roxanne WhiteLight will be our guest preacher on the two Sundays *Kahu* Scott is away. A retired minister, Rev. Roxanne is a frequent supply preacher at churches throughout the island. Roxanne will also lead the two

Zoom sessions prior to the Sundays she is preaching. Please give *aloha pumehana* to Roxanne as she joins us for worship on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>.

*Rev. Roxanne Whitelight*  
*Easter 2022*



## Maui Classical Music Festival



The Maui Classical Music Festival celebrated its 40th Annual Festival over 10 days with three concerts at Keawala'i Congregational Church. - Monday May 16 "Viennese Splendor", Friday May 20 "Romantic Excursions", and Sunday May 22 "Fortieth Festival Finale."



Yizhak Schotten and Katherine Collier, music directors, gathered eight world-renowned musicians to perform to a delighted audience. Benny Kim, Fabiola Kim, and Sarah Oates, violins, Amir Eldan, cello, Anna Polonsky and Yaron Kohlberg, pianos, Yoonah Kim, clarinet, and Kurt Muroki, double bass, who was born and raised in Maui. The programs ranged from solo piano works to larger ensembles including the Dvorak Bass Quintet and iconic "Trout" Quintet by Franz Schubert.

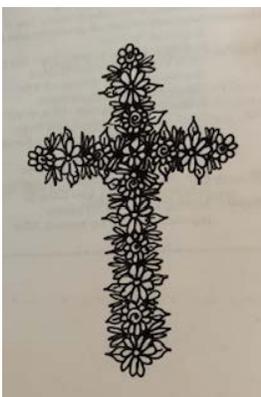


## Christ is Risen!

Come receive the light, the never setting light, and glorify Christ, who has risen from the dead. Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the tombs He has granted life!

### Proverbs 3:17 on wisdom

Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace.



Doodle by Karen Rollins

## Keiki Time



### A Personal Pew Perspective

by Cal Wood

About 30 years ago Dixie and I were invited to spend some time with a friend and his wife here on Maui. We enjoyed the time we spent with them and met some folks who were selling two weeks of time share at Maui Hill. I proposed buying them, but Dixie said that it didn't make any sense, since I never took vacations. To my surprise, I went ahead and bought the two weeks and we began coming here almost yearly with our family and our friends and banking time and using the exchanges to travel (we eventually visited our seventh continent, Antarctica, in 2009). Our friends introduced us to Keawala'i church and we fell in love with the pastor and the church folks. Since expanding our time share to 5 weeks we have made Keawala'i our home church in Hawai'i. We have loved pastor Alika for many years and were happy to see him take retirement. The interim pastor, Scott Landis, appeared here at about the same time that the Covid19 virus made its terrible entry into our lives, and which stopped the pastoral replacement search committee's activities while keeping Scott here for these past few years. My wife Dixie had passed away on Feb. 5, 2019, after only 63 years together, so I began attending two church services on Sundays; one at the church that God chose for me in Livermore, followed by the wonderful services at Keawala'i in Mākena by Zoom interface. I was invited to join a weekly get together with Scott and several members of the congregation here, where we briefly caught up on our week's activities and discussed the scripture for the next Sunday's sermon. It was here on Zoom, once a week, that I came to appreciate and love these members of the Keawala'i family, who adopted me into their o'hana and shared the warmth of their spirits with me.

Although I have not had a "white light" spiritual encounter with God, as some folks report, I can look back on my life and I find God's fingerprints all over it. I had my life mapped out, but gradually, over time, my decisions kept being changed for me as my life unfolded. I grew up in Berkeley, California, studied piano and finally started UC Berkeley as a music major, only to find out that that was too difficult for me, so I switched to Physics (which turned out to be what I really wanted, but didn't know it) as my major and got married to Dixie who provided a wonderful corrective to my life. I had been raised to glorify the mind and intelligence as the highest goal in life (my PhD was in experimental high energy particle physics at UCB, I had two brothers who were dentists, a sister who had a master's degree in music from UC Berkeley, and a brother who became a plastic surgeon), but Dixie, with great patience and real understanding, gave me a heart and the understanding that love and the soul were of utmost importance both here and hereafter. Together we produced five children with numerous grandchildren and, with the birth of a girl to one of our granddaughters in October, we will have 20 great grandchildren. Dixie seemed possessed of invisible tentacles of love that reached out and enveloped people. She gave me an understanding of unconditional love and guided me to the importance of the spirit filled life. I look forward to the time when I can share her with all of you hereafter, although I resonate with C. S. Lewis who said that he thought the dominant emotion at the hour of death will be 'surprise.'



Thank you for including me in your o'hana.

Cal Wood (Livermore, CA, and Kihei, HI)

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## **Regular Online Meetings**

**Sundays at 10:00 a.m.**

Livestream Worship Service on Vimeo  
<https://www.keawalai.org>

**Wednesdays at 11 a.m.**

KCC Zoom Room

### **“The Keawala‘i Prayer Connection”**

“Are any among you suffering?  
They should pray.  
Are any cheerful?  
They should sing songs of praise.  
Are any among you sick?  
They should call for the elders of the church  
and have them pray over them,  
anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.  
The prayer of faith will save the sick,  
and the Lord will raise them up . . .  
Pray for one another, so that you may be healed.”

James 5:13-16



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**Sermon:** 10:00 a.m. Sunday sermon text is  
posted at [www.keawalai.org](http://www.keawalai.org)  
under [Kahu’s Mana’o](#)

**Worship:** Sunday services are in person  
and available on Vimeo at [www.keawalai.org](http://www.keawalai.org).