



***The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything. God is the ground, the substance, the teaching, the teacher, the purpose and the reward for which every soul labors.***

***--Julian of Norwich, 1395***

*Joy, joy, joy is how I am feeling as I look forward to being the new Pastor at Christ Memorial Episcopal Church in Kilauea. Kauai has had many chapters in my life. As a child, my family frequently summered in Kauai. And when our son Luke was born, my husband Jim and I continued that tradition. The memories of time on Kauai are among my most joy-filled and I feel as though the island keeps calling me back!*

*I plan to begin my ministry at CMEC on the First Sunday of Advent. I can't imagine a more perfect day. That is something you should know about me. I love each of our church seasons. Advent is a favorite, a time in which we ponder the new life that is emerging within us as we await again the coming of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. I look forward to sharing Advent with you.*

*Some other things about me - I love our Master Jesus. (You will hear me use the title Master a lot, as I believe we are in a Master/Disciple relationship with him.) I love our Episcopal Church. I love the mystics. I love studying the scripture with adults and children. I love learning about how people of other faiths nurture their spirit (Hint....I can't wait to learn more about the spirituality of Hawaii!). I love early mornings. I love talking over a cup of coffee. I love being quiet, sitting on my meditation cushion, or in a church alone, or walking on the beach (Ok....I confess...I am a little wary of some things that swim in the water.). I love to exercise and eat healthy. I love cats and pondering God's amazing creation. I love all kinds of music; even Larry Rivera's Waialeale is on my IPOD.*

*Some of my resume details that may interest you include - I have a B.A. in Philosophy (UNLV) and an MDiv (CDSP). I was ordained to the priesthood in 1998 following a career in the entertainment industry in Las Vegas. I served as a curate for a year in Las Vegas and then as a rector for 17 years in Litchfield Park, Arizona. I am a Spiritual Director in the Jungian tradition (Haden Institute) and a Conscious Aging coach. I am a widow as my husband and best friend Jim died in 2008 after a lengthy struggle with cancer. I am blessed to be a mother to son Luke and his wife Lauren, and two step-daughters, Beth and Lisa.*

*More than anything, I want you to know how grateful I feel. I so look forward to getting to know each of you and your children. I give thanks to God that I have been entrusted to be your Pastor. See you soon!*

*Much joy in our Master's light and love,*

*Gae+*

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