

GOODNESS AND MERCY

PSALM 23:5-6 KJV ⁵ Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. ⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:** and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

JAMES 1:2-6 NIV ² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ **Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.** ⁵ **If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.**

JAMES 3:13 & 17 NIV ¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? **Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.** ¹⁷ **But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.**

Two Women . . . You Probably Have Kupuna Who Know And Live Their Faith

I. Maria Kameha'ikana Pi'ikoi Born In 1881 Died At The Age Of 86 In 1967

On her father's side she was a descendant Kamaukoli, the high chief of Maui

On her mother's side she was a descendant of Prince Kuhio and Prince Kawanakoa

Her mother was a sister of Lu'ukia Paoa, the mother of Duke Kahanamoku

She lived in a small house in Waikiki near the present day Sheraton Waikiki and the Halekulani

She was a teacher and became principal of Ma'ema'e Elementary School

In 1960 I went to live with her.

My Aunt read her Bible everyday! She prayed aloud everyday! She talked about Jesus everyday

She was bold about her God to everyone! I didn't listen but I heard !

The Lord was her shepherd and I never saw her in want! I am positive that she dwells in the house of the Lord forever and ever! Amen

II. Theone Vredenburg - Jenny's Aunt, 92 years old

She still drives herself around Honolulu. Before Covid: she volunteered at the Bishop Museum, volunteers at her church, gives blood regularly.

She has a simple faith that she lives everyday. She is never ashamed of her faith in the living God!

Surely goodness and mercy are following her now in all of her days on earth!

COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you, in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bread While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." **MATTHEW 26:26 NIV**

The Juice Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

MATTHEW 26:27-28 NIV