

2023 HAKALAU JODO MISSION SERVICES

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1/1: New Year's, 1 pm	1/15: Gyoki-e, 1 pm	2/25: Nehan-e 10 am, followed by Shinnenkai, 10:30 am	
3/12: Spring Higan, 1 pm	4/9: Hanamatsuri, 1 pm	5/27: Memorial Day @ Hakalau Veterans Park, 10 am	
6/11: Family Serv., 1pm	8/19: Obon, 5 pm, followed by Bon Dance, 5:30 pm		
9/10, Joint Higan,10 am	10/10: Eitaikyo, 1 pm	11/12: Ojuya, 1 pm	12/10: Bodhi Day, 1 pm

2023 SERVICES

Changes in schedule will be posted at <https://www.hakalauhome.com/upcoming-events.html>.

Sunday, January 1 st 1 p.m.	New Year's Day Service: This is a common ceremony held in Japanese Buddhism to commemorate the New Year. In Jōdo-shū, we gather to recite the Nembutsu. While we will be holding the service on New Year's morning, the traditional practice is to gather just before midnight on New Year's Eve and ring the temple bell 108 times, symbolizing the washing away of the 108 human defilements and the beginning of a purified new year.
Sunday, January 15 th 1 p.m.	Gyoki-e: The memorial service for the Founder of Jōdo-shū, Honen Shonin. Honen Shonin died on January 25, 1212 and Gyoki-e recalls his virtue.
Saturday, February 25 th 10 a.m.	Nehan-e: followed by the New Year's Party, Shinnenkai. Nehan-e commemorates Shakyamuni Buddha who initiated the teachings of Buddhism. Nehan means liberation from all desires and freedom from all suffering.
Sunday, March 12 th 1 p.m.	Spring Higan: Higan-e takes place twice a year, at the time of the spring and autumn equinox. Higan means literally "the other shore", that is the other shore of enlightenment which contrasts this worldly shore of birth and death. It is a ceremony to honor ancestors and to chant the nembutsu.
Sunday, April 9 th 1 p.m.	Hanamatsuri: Buddha's Birthday-- Shakyamuni Buddha was born in 463 BC at Lumbini in northern part of India (currently in Nepal). Lumbini was the traditional land of the Shakyamuni clan and Shakyamuni was born as the prince of the Shakyas. It is said that when Shakyamuni was born, birds sang, flowers bloomed, and two elephants poured sweet dew for bathing Shakyamuni. At the service, members pray by pouring sweet tea over the statue of Shakyamuni placed in a miniature flower garden of Lumbini. Shakyamuni's right hand points to heaven and left hand to earth. This is a service of remembrance and celebration.
Saturday, May 27 th 10 a.m.	Memorial Day Service: The Memorial Day Service is one of our commitments to the greater Hakalau Community. It takes place in front of a monument honoring the boys and young men from this area that died in World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam. (We are unaware of any who died in more recent wars.) This service is a Buddhist service of remembrance and there is also a veteran speaker. This is followed at the Hakalau Jodo Mission with an "All American" lunch.
Sunday, June 11 th 1 p.m.	Family Service
NO SERVICE IN JULY	
Saturday, August 19 th 5 p.m.	Obon: Obon is the traditional summer festival to invite spirits of dead ancestors back home, hold a memorial service and then send the spirits back to heaven. These dead ancestors are called hotoke-sama, literally "venerable buddhas". This is especially true in the Pure Land tradition where we are assured of birth in the Pure Land and ultimate enlightenment in the next life through Amida's saving grace.
Sunday, September 10 th 10 a.m.	Joint Higan at Meishoin: This is the autumn equinox service.
Sunday, October 8 th 1 p.m.	Eitai-kyo: The Minister performs this service alone, with no one present. The Eitai-kyo can be seen as the temple's promise to propagate in perpetuity. However, the temple is also a place that helps us to understand that what makes it possible and meaningful for the temple to propagate all the people of the temple's past and their concern for the future that helped to make the present and the future possible.
Sunday, November 12 th 1 p.m.	Ojuya: This is a Jōdo-shū tradition of followers gathering to chant the nembutsu through the nights of ten days. It is considered a time of Special Nembutsu (<i>betsuji-nembutsu</i>) in homage of Amida Buddha. It is usually practiced among the congregation on only one night at the Hakalau Jodo Mission, although the Minister may practice chanting for ten nights.
Sunday, December 10 th 1 p.m.	Bodhi Day: Shakyamuni Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, experienced spiritual awakening at the foot of the bodhi tree in Buddhagaya, India on December 8th at 35 years of age. Bodhi day is a celebration of the Buddha's enlightenment.