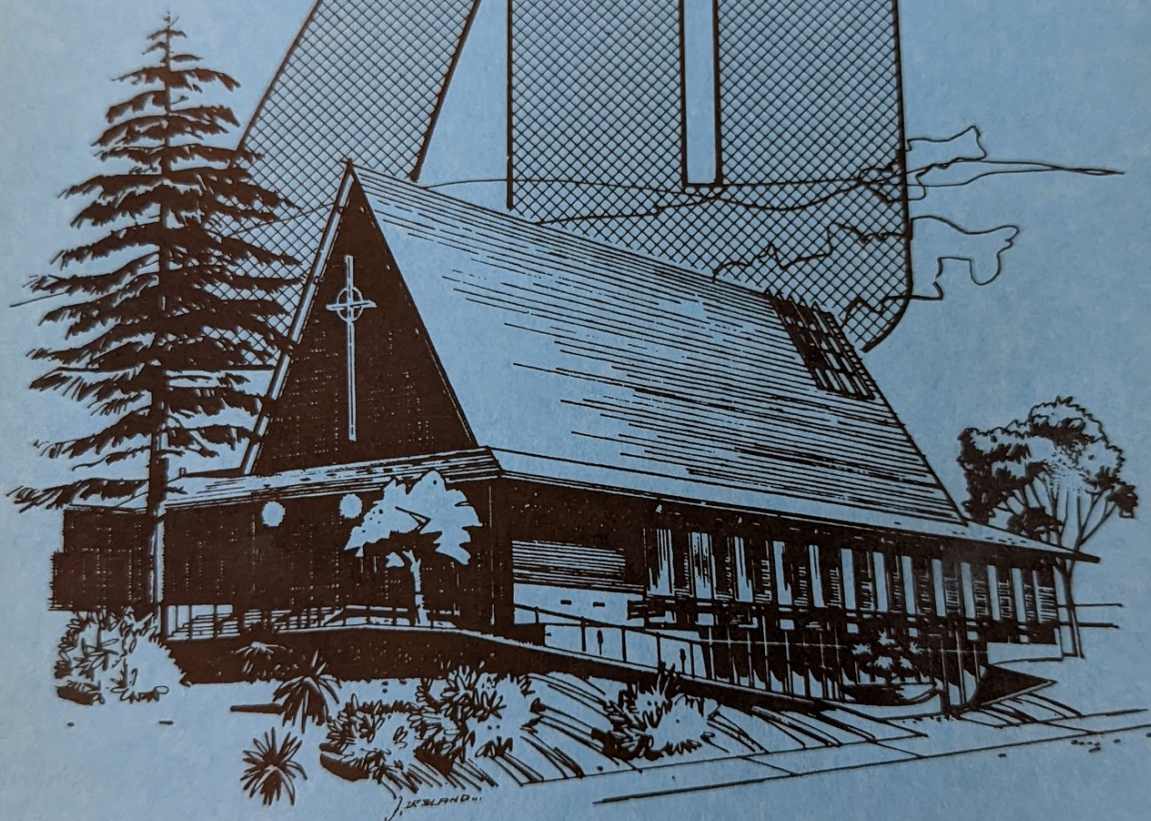


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1942 - 1945 World War II.  
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1950 - 1962 Building expansion.  
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*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The peace of the Lord be always with you!

14th Sun. After Pentecost  
August 20, 1978.

Timothy Makoto Nakayama  
Rector.

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