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"No rain, no rainbows!"

During our recent trip overseas, Maggie and I spent some time visiting the island of Kauai . On one side of Kauai , there is a landmark spot recognized as one of the rainiest places on the earth. Just a couple months ago, they had received 48 inches of rain in a day on one side of the island while the "dry side" received 36 inches. Needless to say, the run-off channels for rain into the ocean are necessary and heavily used.

Fortunately, the day we toured it, we enjoyed good weather. Kauai is a lush and fertile land and as our guide was telling us of their recent experiences with such heavy rains, he remarked, "It's a way of life on Kauai . No rain, no rainbows."

I was struck by his good attitude and perspective on this. May we keep in mind these days, "No rain, no flowers to make the gardens beautiful, no leafing trees to give us shade, no vegetables to savor fresh off the vine, no green grass as far as the eye can see, no well-stocked reservoirs of refreshing water....."

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Last Sunday, we gathered in worship to celebrate Communion together and remember our times on the "road to a mess."

This Sunday will be one when the Joys and Concerns of our church family will be easy to identify. It is Mother's Day, always a popular day to remember those who have birthed and nurtured each of us in the course of our lives--certainly a joy. A joyful part of this Sunday's worship will be the anthem "God bless the children" sung by our Transformers choir.

It will also be the last Sunday that Joseph Tobin, our Teaching Parish Committee student, will be with us as part of that program. While it is not a "concern" that Joseph will be leaving our church family, we are all saddened to realize he will be leaving our church family for new responsibilities and opportunities. During the service, we will thank and honor Joseph for his ministry among us as we "decommission" him as a TPC student.

May we all be blessed to be together on this special Sunday.

Pastor David

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If you've not completed your Mother's Day gift shopping, keep in mind the Plant and Flower Sale being held here at the church tomorrow, Saturday, May 12th. This is being run by the Ways and Means Committee and provides a way to both beautify your home and garden while also supporting the church.