



TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

LIME ROCK, CT

RECTOR'S LETTER

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are very fortunate to be having a baptism today at Trinity. We give thanks for and celebrate our newest Christian, Parker Thurston Plouffe.

And so our thoughts turn to the Church that Parker will inherit. We have a new vestry for 2020 that will meet for the first time together today, commissioned by God and the Church and given the task to take this church into the third decade of the 21st century.

It's a big task, to be sure! And yet, look at the blue sky above us, and the deep rich earth beneath us, and God all around us on every side. How can we fail? We are surrounded by God.

As you may know, I've just returned from vacation in Hawaii. My son, Luke, and his family live there and I wanted to meet my newest granddaughter, Wynona. While I was there my granddaughter, Ada, celebrated her fourth birthday. It was a wonderful occasion.

My son is becoming more and more part of the community in his town of Kaneohe. He has learned how to properly wave to his neighbors with thumb and little finger extended, and not our usual New England five fingered wave.

And he told me about Ohana. One of his best new friends taught him about the ohana of the island. It's a word that means welcome. But also is the idea that we are all inter-connected; family and community, those who are like us, and those who are different from us. And what happens to one of us affects all of us. No one can or should be forgotten or left behind.

And so, here at Trinity, here in the NW Corner, and by extension, here in the whole of USA and the world, we too have an extraordinary ohana. We are all connected when we can expand our hearts to think about God's ohana for us. Little Parker Thurston Plouffe will show us the way to a new connected life as we are all drawn into the Life and the Spirit of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one baptism.

*Pastor Heidi Truax*