



Gotan-e celebrated with a cake that pleases both the eyes and the palate

Shared by Rev. Dennis Fujimoto,
Buddhist Temple of Alameda

Fellow temple members were happily surprised and impressed when Maria Piper brought the cake to service. Maria and her family are new members of the Buddhist Temple of Alameda (Buddhist Churches of America). Before moving to Alameda, Maria and husband Brian had lived for a while in Japan (and speak Japanese). They first viewed the temple's services online (recordings of Sunday Services on YouTube) and then decided to come and visit. Perhaps influenced by their time in Japan, living in close proximity to the temple, they often ride their bikes to services. The Pipers and their three children have joined the temple Dharma School, and they all have become very active in many of the temple events. Maria is part of the Buddhist Women's Association, and hoping to help with the temple website. Alameda resident minister Rev. Dennis Fujimoto shares "Their added energy has been a big boost for our Sangha. They come to service regularly and have questions for our "Ask Rev. Dennis" sessions on the 4th Sunday of each month! Such is a benefit of expanding tech efforts through the pandemic conditions!!"



caption: Shinran



caption: (left) *otanjoyobi*, (right) *omedetou* (trans. Happy Birthday)

