

# A Talk Called O'Kaeri

## Retracing the Path of Our Grandparents and Connecting Once Again with Our Relatives in Japan

with Ken Tagawa



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**Sakura Square Mezzanine @ 11:00 AM**

One hundred years ago, our grandparents - and for some of us our great grandparents - were among the tens of thousands of Japanese who left Japan and took the long uncertain voyage to the United States. They came from Hiroshima, from Wakayama, from Fukuoka and from Okayama. Some came from Niigata while others came from Shikoku, and they set down roots in the United States and started families. They found jobs and began farming and built numerous small businesses.

Over the many years, the connection with our Japanese relatives at times wanes. Ken Tagawa wanted to know more about his Japanese relatives and began tying together the scantest of bits of information. One rainy morning in October 2017, he knocked on a door in a small town in Japan where a relative opened the door and that connection was re-established!

**You are invited to come, listen and ask questions about the journey Ken took - a journey you may also want to undertake...**

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