

**“OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS”**



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*We invite your contribution to our worship service. If you would like to give a testimony, sing, or perform in our service, please call or email us.*

**LAHAINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**



SUNDAY, APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
Fifth Sunday of Easter



**OPENING HYMN**

**Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

**UMH 304**

1. Easter people raise your voices,  
sounds of heaven in earth should  
ring.

Christ has brought us Heaven's  
choices; Heavenly music, let it ring.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Easter people let us sing.

2. Fear of death can no more stop us  
from our pressing here below.  
For our Lord empowered us  
to triumph over every foe.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
On to victory now we go.

3. Every day to us is Easter,  
with its resurrection song.  
When in trouble move the faster  
to our God who rights the wrong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the power of heavenly throngs.



**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**(\* You may stand.)**

Leader: Easter people, we have been saved by the Risen Christ, the life-giving  
Vine.

**PEOPLE: WE ABIDE IN LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

Leader: We are branches of the Vine—sustained, nurtured, and pruned by  
Love.

**PEOPLE: WE HAVE NO LIFE APART FROM LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

Leader: When we make our home in the Vine, and the Vine makes a home in  
us, we bear the fruit of Love.

**PEOPLE: WE PRODUCE THE FRUIT OF LOVE, THE LIFE-GIVING VINE.**

Leader: Easter people, how shall we bear the fruit of Love, the life-giving  
Vine?

**ALL: WE WILL LOVE AND LEARN TO LOVE AS WE REST, PLAY, WORK, AND BUILD COMMUNITY WITH GOD AND ONE ANOTHER. AMEN.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**UMH 89**

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day!

2. All thy works with joy surround  
thee, earth and heaven reflect thy  
rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee,  
center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
call us to rejoice in thee.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**PRAYER TIME**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy  
ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

**UNISON PRAYER**

Divine Vine Grower, as we worship you today, remind us that you seek to trim our lives of the dead wood that hurts us and prevents us from bearing good fruit. Help us to consecrate ourselves, each day, into your loving care, so that we may abide in Christ, our True Vine. For as part of the true vine, we will bear the fruit of your love and grace. Give us rain in seasons of doubt, and nourish our growth, so that we may bless the world. In your bountiful name, we pray. Amen

**PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"**

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou' oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i. Amene  
(Your loving mercy is in heaven, and your truth so perfect. Amen)

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
love divine is reigning o'er us,  
binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward,  
in the triumph song of life.



**First Reading**

**Psalm 22:25-31**

**Liturgist**

<sup>26</sup>From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. <sup>28</sup>The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever! <sup>27</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. <sup>28</sup>For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations. <sup>29</sup>To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him. <sup>30</sup>Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, <sup>31</sup>and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

**SECOND READING**

**1 John 4:7-21**

**Liturgist**

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

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We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God.

We are called to the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us, We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

**GLORIA PATRI**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
for thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

*Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau,  
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane no,  
Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i  
pū, Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.  
Āmene.*

**My Jesus, I Love Thee**

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



**UMH 70**

**Pastor**

**LUMC Choir**

**Pastor**

**UMH 172**

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3. In mansions of glory and endless delight,  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;  
if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**John 15:1-8**

**Pastor**

<sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.'

**MESSAGE**

**Vine Ripened Fruit**

**Pastor**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Abide With Me**

**UMH 700**

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;  
/ the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
/ When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
/ Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

4. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
/ ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
/ Where is death's sting? / Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;  
/ earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;  
/ change and decay in all around I see;  
/ O Thou who changest not, abide with me.

5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
/ shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
/ Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
/ in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence every passing hour.  
/ What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
/ Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
/ Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.



5.

**\*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

**Pastor**

**\*CIRCLE OF OHANA**

**"HAWAII ALOHA"**

**(Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)**

*E Hawai'i e ku'u one hanau e, Ku'u ho-me kulaiwi nei. Oli no au i na pono lani ou,  
E Hawai'i, aloha e. E hau'oli na 'opio o Hawai'i nei. 'Oli e! 'Oli e! Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i.*

*(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the blessings of heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i, Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.*



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*God.*  
be with you  
til we meet again

**WE REMEMBER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PRAYERS:**

Norman Scott  
Rhonda Wilkes  
Lotima Filiai  
Doreen Taylor  
Linda & Les Takahashi  
Ariana and Austin  
Patrick Muratta  
Noah Min  
Kelly Hess  
Lotu Carlsen and family  
Monique Peterson  
Viola Cleo Bradshaw  
Amalia Houff and parents,  
Rev. Kim Houff and Mark Houff  
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Kathy Bowen  
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Laura Fowle  
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Sherri Atkinson  
Gavin Kang  
Julie Freeman  
Aunty Beverly  
Father John Hau'oli Tomoso

Janice Haynes and family  
The family of Ellen DiGiampaulo in the passing of Ellen's dear mother, Beverly  
Warren Carthan & family  
Kevin Oliveti's sister Uheina in Tonga  
Dan and the family of Jodeen Bryen  
The family of Barb Dering  
The family of Janice Markwith  
The family of Frank Emanuel  
The family of Mabel Shimomura  
The family of Lori Ramsey  
The family of Doug Gloege\*  
The Family of Carolyn Ono  
The family of Siuila Ala'ilima  
The family of Gary Guydosh in his passing  
Lotu Carlsen and family  
Sione Vaikeli, for the loss of his wife Linda\*  
Chris & Velvet Welland  
Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family  
Heather Coffey  
Tonga Tuameiapi for the loss of his sister.  
Hyalene Crewe's friend, Maila,  
The Pasikala family  
Terry Mitchell and daughter, Lindsay Hopewell  
Edie and John Machonis  
Sandy (Currently incarcerated)  
Ane Tagaloa  
Duffy  
Julius Del Pino  
Pastors Nuria and Carlos Bolanos

**Prayers for our Community/Country:**

(\*people lost in the fire)

\*For the family, friends, and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Lahaina fires.

\*We pray for continued support for all churches and non-profit organizations working to meet our community's physical, psychological, and spiritual needs after a devastating tragedy.

\*We offer prayers of gratitude for our firefighters, EMTs, police officers, other first responders, and civilians who walked into danger for our safety.

\*We pray for our medical staff who face growing workloads as they deal with multiple health crises. Inspire us to demand more staff and better work environments.

\* We pray that our leaders will work diligently to address our community's needs and not forget to address the problems of those most in need but frequently ignored.