

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



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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024
6th Sunday After Epiphany



OPENING HYMN

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish,
thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and
crown.

2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of
spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 50)**

Leader: The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: OUT OF ZION, THE PERFECTION OF BEAUTY, GOD SHINES FORTH.

Leader: Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

PEOPLE: HE CALLS TO THE HEAVENS ABOVE AND TO THE EARTH, THAT HE MAY JUDGE HIS PEOPLE:

Leader: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

PEOPLE: THE HEAVENS DECLARE HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR GOD HIMSELF IS JUDGE.

ALL: BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS! LET YOUR GLORY OVER ALL THE EARTH BE FOUND.

1.

Fairest Lord Jesus

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

(* You may stand.)

UMH 189

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hands hath made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3. But when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

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



UNISON PRAYER

Mighty God, stay with us always, not only in our worship, but as we share the risk and challenge of living our faith. By your powerful Spirit, turn our fear to courage. Your glory shines in the face of Christ. Shine in our hearts and lives so that we may praise your name with our actions. 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.)

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

Liturgist

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'



⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Liturgist

³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

880

3.

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day, he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church,
 the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
 of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen (**universal)



UMH 70

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LUMC Choir

*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.*

*Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau,
 Ke Keiki me ka 'uhane no,
 Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i
 pu,
 ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao.
 Āmene.*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

Open My Eyes, That I May See

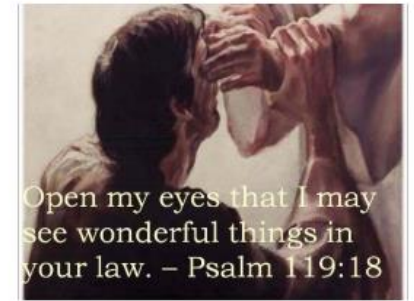
UMH 454

1. Open my eyes, that I may see
 glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
 place in my hands the wonderful key
 that shall unclasp and set me free.
 Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my
 God, thy will to see. Open my eyes,
 illumine me, Spirit divine!

2. Open my ears, that I may hear
 voices of truth thou sendest clear;
 and while the wavenotes fall on my
 ear, everything false will disappear.
 Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my
 God, thy will to see. Open my ears,
 illumine me, Spirit divine!

4.

3. Open my mouth, and let me bear
 gladly the warm truth everywhere;
 open my heart and let me prepare
 love with thy children thus to share.
 Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my
 God, thy will to see. Open my heart,
 illumine me, Spirit divine!

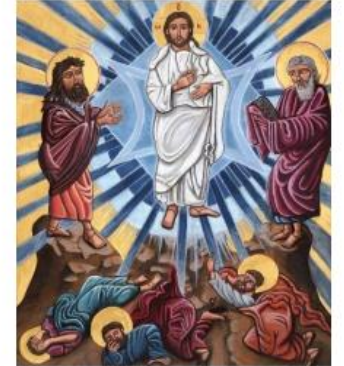


SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28

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² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James
 and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by
 themselves. And he was transfigured before
 them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling white, such as
 no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there
 appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking
 with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is
 good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one
 for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.



⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud
 overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son,
 the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no
 one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one
 about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

MESSAGE

Love Is Lord of Heaven and Earth

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*CLOSING HYMN

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

UMH 340

1 Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
 weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you,
 full of pity, love, and power.

Refrain:
 I will arise and go to Jesus;
 he will embrace me with his arms;
 in the arms of my dear Savior,
 O there are ten thousand charms.

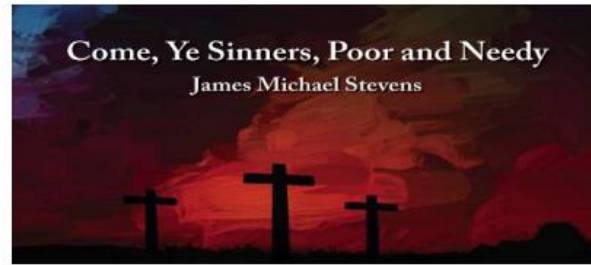
2 Come, ye thirsty, come, and
 welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
 true belief and true repentance, every
 grace that brings you nigh. (Refrain)

3 Come ye weary, heavy laden,
 lost and ruined by the fall;
 if you tarry till you're better,
 you will never come at all. (Refrain)

5.

4. Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream; all the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him.

(Refrain)



***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.



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
Rhoda
Sandy Wong
Riley Hope Jacobs
Julie Reed
Denny White
Ellen Damaskas
Grace and Rosie Nava
Cathy Bradshaw
Kathy Bowen
Cordelia Vogel
Roz Baker
Laura Fowle
John and Cindy Yaos
Sherri Atkinson
Gavin Kang
Julie Freeman

Janice Haynes and family
Fred Kitonga, his sister, and nephew, Lawrence, for the loss of Lawrence's wife, Mary.
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*
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 and family for the loss of his sister.
The Pasikala family
Terry Mitchell and daughter Lindsay
Edie and John Machonis
Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
Clara
Ane Tagaloa

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.