

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



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7th Sunday After Epiphany



OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

UMH 451

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art--thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

3. Great God of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.



GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

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

(* You may stand.)

Leader: Lenten travelers, when you feel the security of God's love, affirmation of God's call, and covered in God's grace...

People: GOD COMES NEAR.

Leader: When you feel deserted and alone, starving and parched for a caring hand or an encouraging word, troubled and uncertain as the ground under you shifts like sand...

PEOPLE: GOD COMES NEAR.

Leader: When you feel emboldened to act, inspired to speak, energized to live as bearers of the good news that the Kingdom of God is here...

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ALL: WE GATHER TO COME NEAR TO GOD WHOSE EVER-PRESENT LOVE REMAINS NEAR NO MATTER WHERE OUR JOURNEY TAKES US. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

1. 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.[Refrain]

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION FOR:

Sione Malamala
Sean (Buge) Sarigay



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

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

UNISON PRAYER

Great Redeemer, Source of Hope, bring us into the presence of hope. Inspire us with the strength of faith. Shower us with the waters of mercy and grace, that our hope may be renewed as we learn to trust your promise and love. 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

Genesis 9:8-17

Liturgist

⁸ Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹ 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰ and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹ I establish my covenant with you, that never again



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shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' ¹² God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³ I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴ When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵ I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶ When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' ¹⁷ God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Liturgist

¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

**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)**



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***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor

OFFERING

LUMC Choir

***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 nō,
Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i
pū,
Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.
Āmene.*

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your
soul. Oh, let him have the things that
hold you, and his Spirit, like a dove,
Will descend upon your life and make
you whole

Refrain:
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your
lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your
lambs

Spirit Song

UMH 347

2. Oh, come and sing the song with
gladness as your hearts are filled with
joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender
to his name. Oh, give him all your
tears and sadness, give him all your
years of pain, And you'll enter into life
in Jesus' name. [Refrain]



SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:9-15

Pastor

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John
in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the
heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice
came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'
¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the

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wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he
was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee,
proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, 'The
time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come
near; ¹ repent, and believe in the good news.'



MESSAGE

Sudden Good News

Pastor

***CLOSING HYMN**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 340

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.



***SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION**

Pastor

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***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.



LUMC Online Offering

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 for the loss of his sister.
Hyalene Crewe's friend, Maila,
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.