

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



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany



**OPENING HYMN**

**God of Grace and God of Glory**

**UMH 577**

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

3. Cure thy children's warring madness,  
bend our pride to thy control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have  
bound us;  
free our hearts to work and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 139)**

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

**Leader:** For God alone my soul waits in silence,

**People:** FOR MY HOPE IS FROM HIM.

**Leader:** He alone is my rock and my salvation,

**PEOPLE:** MY FORTRESS; I SHALL NEVER BE SHAKEN.

**Leader:** On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my  
refuge is in God.

**PEOPLE:** TRUST IN HIM AT ALL TIMES, O PEOPLE; POUR OUT YOUR HEART  
BEFORE HIM; GOD IS A REFUGE FOR US.

**ALL:** I SING YOUR PRAISE FOR STEADFAST LOVE; FULFILL YOUR PURPOSE  
FOR ME.

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

**UMH 361**

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy wounded side which  
flowed, be of sin the double cure;  
save from wrath and make me pure.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,  
simply to the cross I cling;  
naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

2. Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyes shall close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**PRAYER TIME**

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



**UNISON PRAYER**

Teach us anew, Rock of our Salvation, how your kingdom has come near. As you called Simon and Andrew long ago, call us to be your disciples so that we might find refuge and strength as we face the destructive forces of our lives. Grant us the strength to wait for you in silence so that we might meet you in the innermost chambers of our souls. It is only in you that we rest secure, to abide in holy 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**

**Jonah 3:1-5**

**Liturgist**

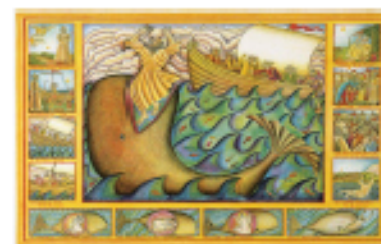
<sup>1</sup>The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.'; <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the



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city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.



**SECOND READING**

**1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

**Liturgist**

<sup>29</sup>I mean, brothers and sisters,<sup>3</sup> the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

**# 880**

*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  
OFFERING**

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**LUMC Choir**

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**\*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,  
Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.  
Āmene.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling

UMH 348

1 Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me; see, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

Refrain:  
Come home, come home;  
you who are weary come home;  
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,  
calling, O sinner, come home!

2 Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? [Refrain]

3 Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me; shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming, coming for you and for me. [Refrain]

4. O for the wonderful love he has promised,  
promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,  
pardon for you and for me. [Refrain]



**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

Mark 1:14-20

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<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.



<sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'<sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

**MESSAGE**

Go Fish

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**\*CLOSING HYMN**

Lord, You have Come to the Lakeshore

UMH 344

1. Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones, You only asked me to follow humbly.

2. You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons. You will find there my nets and labor. [Refrain]

Refrain:  
O, Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have spoken my name; now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; by your side I will seek other seas



**\*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.