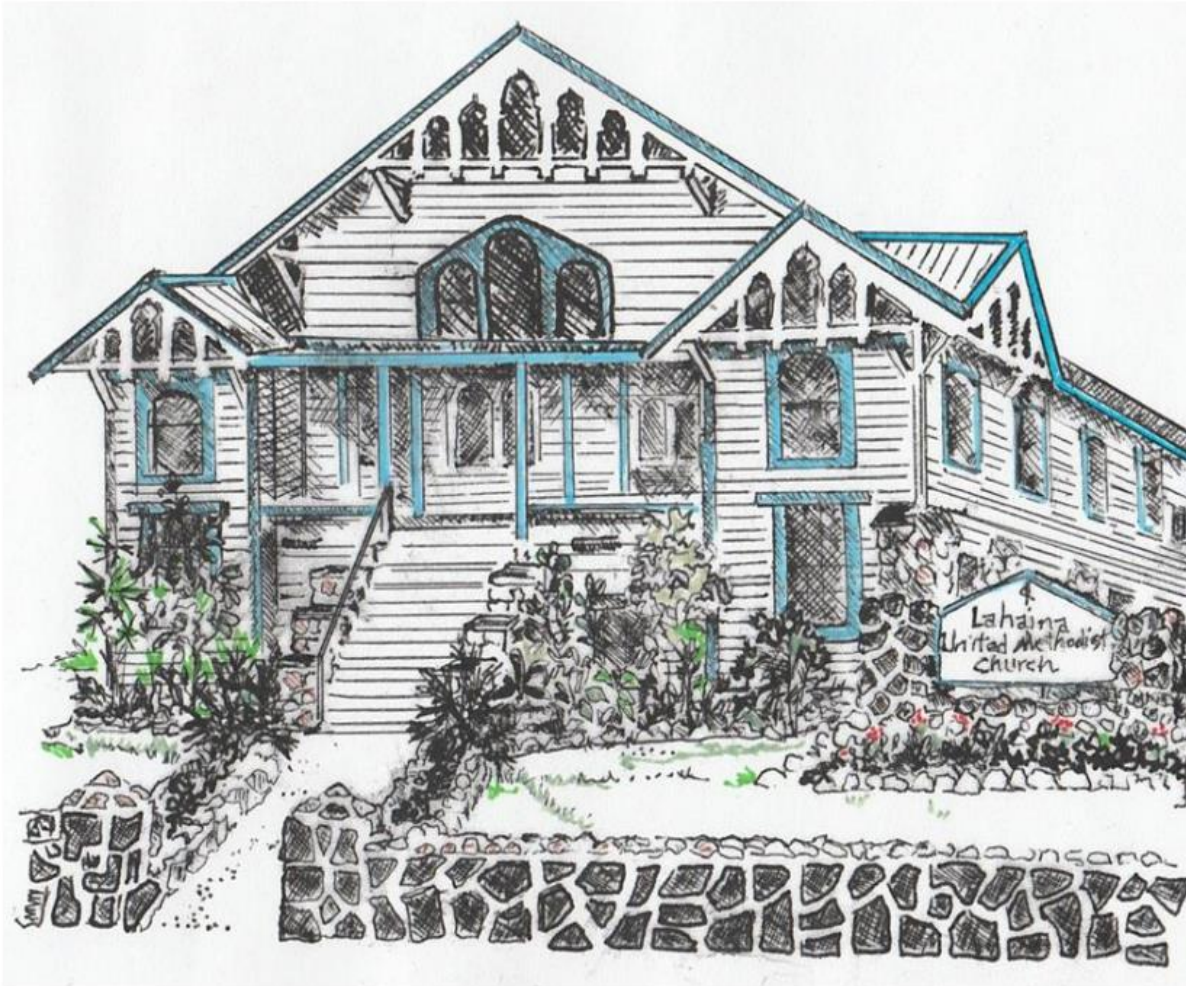


“OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS”



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2024

4th Sunday After Epiphany



OPENING HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

UMH 62

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O brother wind, air, clouds, and
rain, By which all creatures ye
sustain, O praise ye! Alleluia! Thou
rising morn in praise rejoice, ye
lights of evening, find a voice, O
praise ye! O praise ye! , Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day,
unfoldest blessings on our way,
alleluia, alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow,
let them God's glory also show,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5. All ye who are of tender heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God cast on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 111)**

(* You may stand.)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: I WILL GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD WITH MY WHOLE HEART, IN THE COMPANY OF THE UPRIGHT, IN THE CONGREGATION.

Leader: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

PEOPLE: FULL OF HONOR AND MAJESTY IS HIS WORK, AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS ENDURES FOREVER.

Leader: He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

PEOPLE: THE LORD PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE FAITHFUL AND IS EVER MINDFUL OF HIS COVENANT.

ALL: GOD COMMANDS AN ETERNAL COVENANT, AND SENDS REDEMPTION TO EARTH..

HYMN OF PRAISE*Great Is Thy Faithfulness****UMH 140**

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.

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!

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

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

PRAYER OF INVOCATION**PRAYER TIME**

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

UNISON PRAYER

God of power and might, you sent prophets to your people, calling us back to your covenant, and teaching us your ways. In the fullness of time, you sent us your Son Jesus, teaching with such authority, that our eyes were opened to see your ways anew. Open our hearts and minds, that we may understand and proclaim your teachings for all to hear. In Jesus' 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.)

First Reading**Deuteronomy 18:15-20****Liturgist**

¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet^l like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.^l ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.'¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said.



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¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

SECOND READING**1 Corinthians 8:1-13****Liturgist**

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that 'all of us possess knowledge.' Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that 'no idol in the world really exists', and that 'there is no God but one.' ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ 'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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**

3.

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)



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

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

More Love to Thee, O Christ

Pastor

UMH 453

1. More love to thee, O Christ,
 more love to thee! Hear thou the
 prayer I make on bended knee.
 This is my earnest plea: More love,
 O Christ, to thee; more love to thee,
 more love to thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, sought
 peace and rest; now thee alone I
 seek, give what is best.
 This all my prayer shall be:
 More love, O Christ, to thee;
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work, come grief
 and pain; sweet are thy messengers,
 sweet their refrain, when they can sing
 with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath whisper
 thy praise; this be the parting cry
 my heart shall raise; this still its prayer
 shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;
 more love to thee,
 more love to thee!

4.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!'

²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Grace Alone

Pat Hockhalter

MESSAGE

The Power of Good News

Pastor

***CLOSING HYMN**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

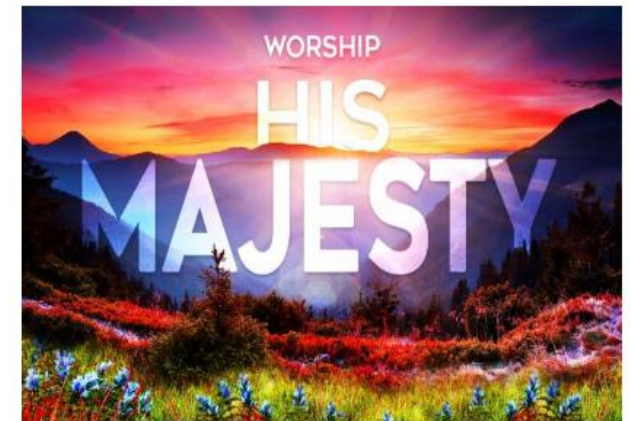
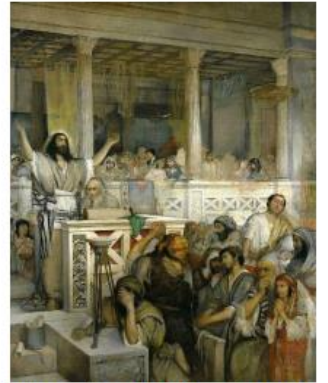
UMH 176

1. Majesty, worship His majesty
 Unto Jesus
 be all glory, honor, and praise.

3. Majesty
 Worship His majesty
 Jesus who died, now glorified
 King of all kings

2. Majesty,
 Kingdom authority
 Flow from His throne
 Unto His own
 His anthem raise

[Chorus]
 So exalt, lift up on high
 The name of Jesus
 Magnify, come glorify
 Christ Jesus the King



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.



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.