

WE REMEMBER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PRAYERS:

Rhonda Wilkes	Janice Hayes and family
Lotima Filiai	Fred Kitonga's daughter-in-law and sister
Doreen Taylor	Warren Carthan & family
Linda & Les Takahashi	Kevin Oliveti's sister Uheina in Tonga
Laura	The family of Barb Dering
Patrick Muratta	The family of Janice Markwith
Noah Min	The family of Mabel Shimomura
Kelly Hess	The family of Lori Ramsey
Julie Reed	The family of Doug Gloege*
Gavyn Kang	The Family of Carolyn Ono*
Justine	Sione Vaikeli, whose wife is missing after the fire.
Rhoda	Chris & Velvet Welland
Sandy Wong	Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson
Riley Hope Jacobs	Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Julie Reed	Kathy Bowen
Denny White	Tonga Tuameiapi and family for the loss of his sister.
Ellen Damaskas	The Pasikala family
Grace and Rosie Nava	Edie and John Machonis
Cathy Bradshaw	Monique Peterson
Kathy Bowen	Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Cordelia Vogel	Julie Freeman
Kyle	Ariana and Austin
Candee	Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
John and Cindy Yaos	Clara (*people lost in the fire)
Sherri Atkinson	
Gavin Kang	

Prayers for our Community/Country:

*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.

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



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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 2023

OPENING HYMN

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

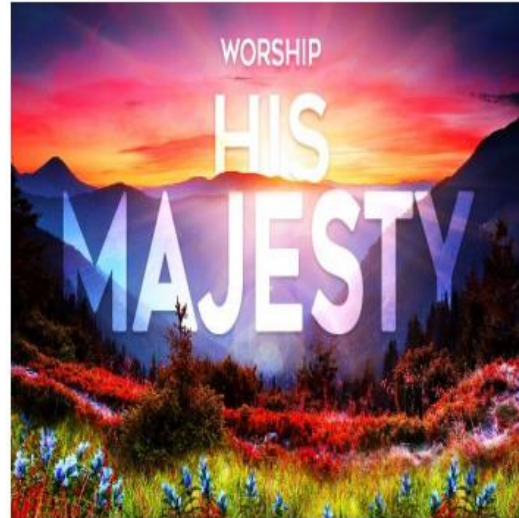
UMH 176

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



GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The wind buffets and blows, cascading rocks down the mountainside.

People: SURELY, GOD IS IN THE WIND?

Leader: The earthquake shakes and shatters, shaking the very foundation of the earth.

PEOPLE: SURELY, GOD IS IN THE EARTHQUAKE?

Leader: The fire crackles and roars, licking at the roots of life.

PEOPLE: SURELY, GOD IS IN THE FIRE?

Leader: Where is God to be found? Listen carefully . . .

ALL: GOD IS HERE, IN THE SOUND OF SHEER SILENCE.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Sweet, Sweet Spirit (2x)

UMH 334

**1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

Refrain:

**Sweet Holy Spirit,
Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us,
filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings
we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know
that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PASTORAL GREETING AND PRAYER TIME

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

UNISON PRAYER

God of the still small voice, open our ears so that we may hear your consoling words. In them, we find evidence of your power, your love, and your grace when we face adversity. Help us remember that we are not alone in our struggles and that your Son, Jesus Christ, promised to be with us until the end of the age, encouraging us with the Holy Spirit. 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

Mark 1:9-12

Liturgist

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1.

2.



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

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THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

I believe in Jesus Christ, 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)

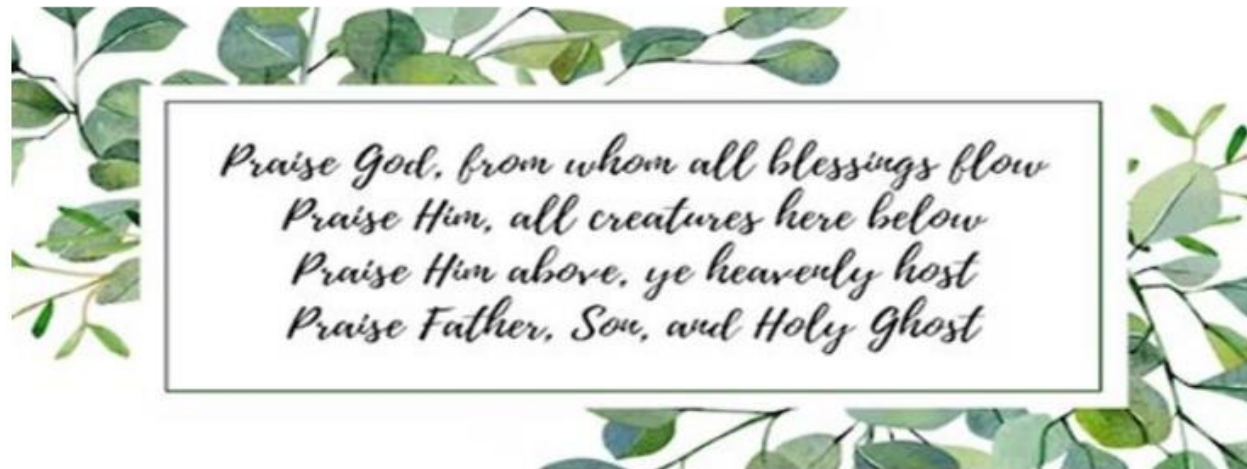
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor John Crewe

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit Song

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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 those things that hold you
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole

Refrain:
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs
Jesus oh Jesus
Come and fill Your lambs

Oh come and sing the song of 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 TEXT

1 Kings 19:9-18

⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁰He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'
¹¹He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' ¹⁴He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.'



SERMON TEXT**1 Kings 19:9-18****(Cont.)**

¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

MESSAGE**"Here I Am"****Pastor Piula Ala'ilima****SPECIAL INTRODUCTION**

**Licensed Therapist Kim Ala'ilima
and TFT Healing**

CLOSING HYMN

**God Will Take Care of
You**

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**1. Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.**

**4. No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**God will take care of you,
through every day, o'er all the way;
he will take care of you,
God will take care of you.**

**2. Through days of toil when heart
doth fail,
God will take care of you;
when dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

**3. All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you. [Refrain]**

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.)

God.
be with you
til we meet again