

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



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SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent



OPENING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

UMH 384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving
Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

4. Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 107)**

(* You may stand.)

Leader: The goodness of God beckons,

People: CALLING US TO GOODNESS AND GRACE.

Leader: The grace of God redeems,

PEOPLE: SAVING US AND MAKING US WHOLE.

Leader: The love of God welcomes,

PEOPLE: INVITING US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

**ALL: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD FOR STEADFAST LOVE, FOR ALL GOD'S
WONDERFUL WORKS.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Majesty, Worship His Majesty

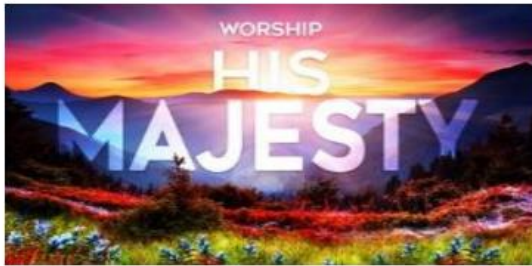
UMH 176

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

Chorus:
So exalt, lift up on high
the name of Jesus.
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the King

1. Majesty,
kingdom authority,
flow from His throne
unto His own
His anthem raise

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



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

PRAYER TIME

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

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious God, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to give light to the world, we pray today that the light of Christ will live in us and we in him. We yearn to bless everyone we meet, even ourselves, in your name. In hope and gratitude, 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

Numbers 21:4-9

Liturgist

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke

against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

SECOND READING

Romans 4:13-25

Liturgist

You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

***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)**



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.

Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Whane no,
Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i
pū, Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.
Āmene.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly
host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Spirit Song

UMH 347

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.

2. 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)

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



SERMON SCRIPTURE

John 3:14-21

Pastor

¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷ Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸ Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹ And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰ For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹ But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

MESSAGE

Loving the Unloveable

Pastor

*CLOSING HYMN

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

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| <p>1. Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart</p> | <p>3. Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.</p> |
| <p>2. Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.</p> | <p>4. Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.</p> |

***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.*



LUMC Online Offering



God
be with you
til we meet again

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
Amalia Houff and parents, Rev.
Kim Houff and Mark Houff
Sandy Wong
Riley Hope Jacobs
Julie Reed
Denny White
Ellen Damaskas
Grace and Rosie Nava
Cathy Bradshaw
Kathy Bowen
Roz Baker
Laura Fowle
John and Cindy Yaos
Sherri Atkinson
Gavin Kang
Julie Freeman
Aunty Beverly

Janice Haynes and family
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
The family of Siuila Ala'ilima
The family of Gary Guydosh in his passing
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 Hopewell
Edie and John Machonis
Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
Ane Tagaloa
Duffy
Julius Del Pino

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.