

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



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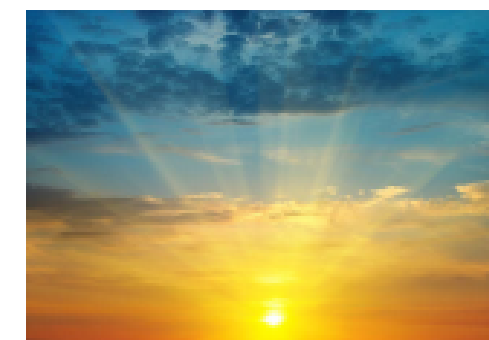
OPENING HYMN

1. Morning has broken
Like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken
Like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
Fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall
Sunlit from Heaven,
Like the first dewfall
On the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
Of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness
Where his feet pass.

Morning Has Broken

3. Mine is the sunlight,
Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light
Eden saw play.
Praise with elation,
Praise every morning,
God's re-creation
Of the new day

UMH 694



Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

(* You may stand.)

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We are pulled in many directions.

People: **MANY DUTIES AND TASKS SEEK TO LAY CLAIM ON OUR LIVES.**

Leader: Today, in this place, let service to God be your choice.

PEOPLE: TODAY, IN THIS PLACE, WE OPEN OUR HEARTS AND SPIRITS TO GOD.

Leader: Blessed be the God of creation who has called us here.

ALL: PRAISE BE TO GOD WHO SUSTAINS AND NURTURES OUR LIVES. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Marching to Zion

UMH 733

1. Come, we that love the Lord,
and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord,
join in a song with sweet accord
and thus surround the throne,
and thus surround the throne.

Refrain:
We're marching to Zion,
beautiful, beautiful Zion;
we're marching upward to Zion,
the beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
but children of the heavenly King,
but children of the heavenly King
may speak their joys abroad,
may speak their joys abroad.
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

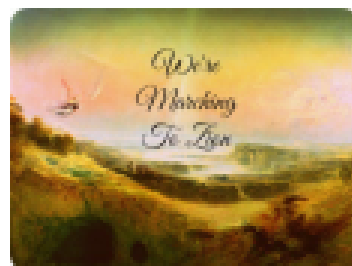
Leader: Lord, in your mercy
ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

UNISON PRAYER

Creator God, who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to
worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow, our singing and our crying,
our strengths, and our failures—we carry it all. Teach us to trust that your
faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives.
Good Shepherd, help us to know that all that we are is bound to you and
teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and
joy as we follow you wherever you lead. Amen.

3. The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
before we reach the heavenly fields,
before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets,
or walk the golden streets.
(Refrain)

4. Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
we're marching through
Emmanuel's ground,
to fairer worlds on high,
to fairer worlds on high.
(Refrain)



PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i kalani. 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

Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

Liturgist

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods.

³Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac.

¹⁴Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. ¹⁵Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

¹⁶Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; ¹⁷for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; ¹⁸and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

¹⁹But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' ²¹And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' ²²Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' ²³He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts



to the Lord, the God of Israel.' ³⁴The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' ³⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Liturgist

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

***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)



***GLORIA PATRI UMH 70**
***THE LORD'S PRAYER Pastor**
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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'omaní i ka Makua Mau,
 Ke Kēkēi me ka 'Whane nō,
 Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i pū,
 Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.
 Āmēne.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER Pastor**

HYMN OF PREPARATION O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee UMH 430

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| 1. O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care. | 3. Teach me thy patience; still with
thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and
strong, in trust that triumphs over
wrong; |
| 2. Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward
way. | 4. In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live. |

SERMON Matthew 25:1-13 Pastor
SCRIPTURE

¹Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." ⁹But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves."

¹⁰ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹¹ Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." ¹² But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." ¹³ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

MESSAGE **Keep Your Eyes on the Prize** **Pastor**

***CLOSING HYMN** **Where He Leads Me** **UMH 191**

1. I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
I can hear my Savior calling,
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

3. I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him through the judgment,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.
(Refrain)

Refrain:
Where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow,
where he leads me I will follow;
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

4. He will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
he will give me grace and glory,
and go with me, with me all the way.
(Refrain)

2. I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him through the garden,
I'll go with him, with him all the way.
(Refrain)



***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 aheaha 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:

Rhonda Wilkes
Lotima Filiai
Doreen Taylor
Linda & Les Takahashi
Ariana and Austin
Patrick Muratta
Noah Min
Kelly Hess
Lotu Carlsen and
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
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, whose wife Linda was lost in
the fire*
Chris & Velvet Welland
Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Heather Coffey
Tonga Tuameiapi and family for the loss of
his sister.
The Pasikala family
Edie and John Machonis
Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
Clara (*people lost in the fire)

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.