

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



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OPENING HYMN

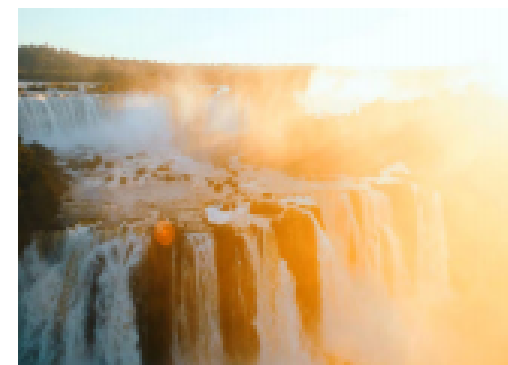
Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

UMH 400

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of thy redeeming love.

2. Here I raise mine Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. O to grace how great a debtor,
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.



GREETINGS AND ALOHA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We lift up our eyes to you, O God,

People: WE LONG FOR A GLIMPSE OF YOUR GRACE.

Leader: We watch and wait for your presence, Lord.

PEOPLE: WE TRY TO KEEP AWAKE AND AWARE SO WE WILL NOT MISS YOUR PRESENCE.

Leader: We come today, Lord, clothed in faith, prepared to love.

PEOPLE: WE ARE PREPARED TO SHARE OUR HOPE FOR ALL TO SEE.

Leader: Come and meet us here, O God,

ALL: COME, LONG EXPECTED JESUS AND SET YOUR PEOPLE FREE.

Liturgist: Vacsa Tagaloa

(* You may stand.)

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 198

1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation,
joy of every longing heart.

2. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child and yet a King,
born to reign in us forever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all sufficient merit,
raise us to thy glorious throne.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

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



UNISON PRAYER

Holy One, we come today seeking your grace and mercy. When we cannot take any more of this world, we know we must turn to you. When our souls have had their fill of trouble and unease, we seek your protection. We come to you in faith and love, in the hope of your salvation, now and always. 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

Psalms 123

Liturgist

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he has mercy upon us.

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

⁴Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.



SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Liturgist
2.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security,' then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

***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.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Whane no,
Ke Akua Mau ho'omaikea' i pi,
ko keia ao, ko kelā ao. Āmene.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Pastor

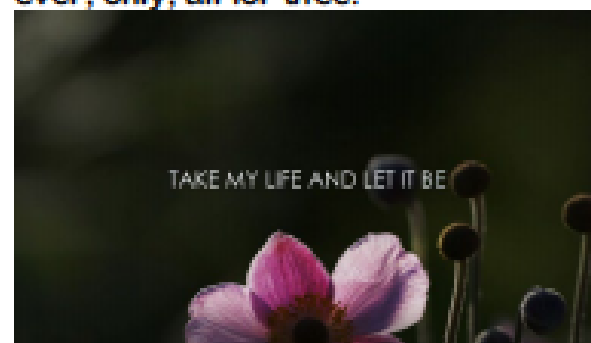
HYMN OF PREPARATION

Take My Life, and Let It Be

UMH 399

1. Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

3. Take my will, and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.



2. Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from thee.
Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 25:14-30

Pastor

¹⁴“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, “Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.”

²¹ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’ ²²“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ ²³“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!’

²⁴ “Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

²⁶ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

²⁸ “So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

MESSAGE

Faithful Service Builds Courage

Pastor

***CLOSING HYMN**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again

UMH 672

1. God be with you till we meet again;
by his counsels guide, uphold you,
with his sheep securely fold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

3. God be with you till we meet
again; when life's perils thick
confound you, put his arms unfailing
round you; God be with you till we
meet again. (Refrain)

Refrain:
Till we meet, till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.

4. God be with you till we meet
again; keep love's banner floating
o'er you, smite death's threatening
wave before you; God be with you till
we meet again. (Refrain)

2. God be with you till we meet again;
neath his wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again.
(Refrain)





SO THEN *each* OF US
SHALL GIVE ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF TO GOD.

***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.



**Mau ke aloha,
no 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.