

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**



SENDING FORTH / BLESSING

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.)



"OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS"



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LAHAINA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, October 1st, 2023
World Communion Sunday

*OPENING HYMN

To God Be the Glory

UMH 98

1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory, great things he hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. (Refrain)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of glory awaits,

PEOPLE: WELCOMING US TO WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

Leader: The Christ of humility is here,

PEOPLE: WELCOMING OUR NEEDS AND PRAYERS.

Leader: The Spirit of love gathers us in,

PEOPLE: BINDING US TOGETHER AS ONE.

**ALL: GOD IS AT WORK IN US, ENABLING US FOR HIS GOOD PLEASURE.
AMEN.**



3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
and great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport,
when Jesus we see. (Refrain)

*Hymn of Praise

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

UMH 361

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.



GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaesa Tagaloa

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor John Crewe

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

Pastor

"We are a rainbow of unique cultures and perspectives, striving to affirm and reflect our unity as sisters and brothers in Christ. We gather for a common purpose of celebrating and living out God's constant grace and compassion. We seek to create and nurture Ohana - a faith community in the model of Jesus' love, instructions, life, and spirit. We seek to enable and maintain a place and atmosphere of Aloha - of holy hospitality, enriching those in our island community and guests from around the world through worship, learning, compassionate outreach, and fellowship opportunities. This is our vision, our mission, trusting in the wisdom and guiding presence of God's spirit with us."



PRAYER TIME

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



UNISON PRAYER

O God, you declare your almighty power with your mercy and compassion. When circumstances, or the inhumanity of others, have left us alone and wounded, you offer us living water to heal our spirits. Thank you, gracious and generous God. Help us to remember that we can always turn to you when we feel lost and afraid. Guide our steps through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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.)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

UMH 680

THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

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

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:23-32

²³When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued **3.**

with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father³¹ went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³²Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³³For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

MESSAGE

A Change of Heart

HYMN OF PREPARATION

One Bread, One Body

UMH 620

Refrain: One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many,
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

2. Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all. (Refrain)
3. Grain for the fields, scattered and
grown, gathered to one for all.
(Refrain)

1. servant or free,
woman or man, no more. (Refrain)



CHOIR OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

*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.*

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause/Silence)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

**Merciful God,
We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we
have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and
we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

Lift up your hearts.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS
AND PRAISE.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing, Always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before you formed the earth, the stars, and the wonders of our
mysterious universe, you alone are God. You created light out of
darkness and brought forth life. You formed us in your image.

When our love failed, and we turned away from you to follow our own
desires, your love for us remained.

You are always ready to welcome us into your family, just as you delivered
our spiritual ancestors from slavery and made a covenant with them to be
our sovereign God. Even when your people turned away, again and
again, you continued to reach out to them through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT, HEAVEN AND
EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD. HOSANNA IN
THE HIGHEST.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our
salvation, whom your Spirit emboldened with authority to preach good
news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight
to the blind.

In his divinity, he emptied himself as a humble servant, even to the point of
death on a cross, that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to
your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new
covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you
thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this
is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me."*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in
union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread
and juice.