

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



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Sunday, October 15th, 2023

Welcome Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank,
District Superintendent Tom Choi, and Sonya Lee

***OPENING HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth (1,2,4,6) UMH 92**

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies;

4. For the joy of human love, brother,
sister, parent, child, friends on earth
and friends above, for all gentle
thoughts and mild; (Refrain)

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we
raise this our hymn of grateful
praise.

6. For thyself, best Gift Divine,
to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
(Refrain)

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and
flower, sun and moon, and stars
of light; (Refrain)



***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 106)**

(* You may stand.)

Leader: Praise the Lord!

**PEOPLE: GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD, FOR HE IS GOOD! HIS FAITHFUL
LOVE ENDURES FOREVER.**

Leader: Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever
praise him enough?

**PEOPLE: THERE IS JOY FOR THOSE WHO DEAL JUSTLY WITH OTHERS
AND DO WHAT IS RIGHT.**

Leader: Remember us, Lord, when you show favor to your people; come
near and rescue us.

**PEOPLE: LET US SHARE IN THE PROSPERITY OF YOUR CHOSEN ONES.
LET US REJOICE IN THE JOY OF YOUR PEOPLE; LET US PRAISE YOU
WITH THOSE WHO ARE YOUR HERITAGE.**

**ALL: LORD OF ALL TO THE WE RAISE THIS OUR HYMN OF GREATFUL
PRAISE.**

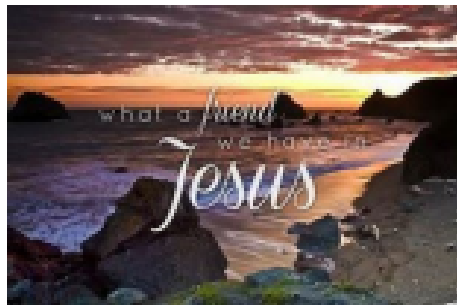
***Hymn of Praise**

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

UMH 528

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.



2. Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.

Liturgist: Stone Malamala

Pastor John Crewe

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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

Creator God, you claim us as your own. We come to worship you today 2.

with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We carry our burdens: our happiness and sorrow, our singing and our crying, our strengths and our weaknesses, and we place them at your feet, Lord. Teach us to trust in your faithfulness, and help us carry that assurance into every season and circumstance of our lives. When we doubt, Lord, may we come to you and find peace that surpasses all understanding. In our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

UMH 880

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

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stay true to the Lord. I love you and long to see you, dear friends, for you are my joy and the crown I receive for my work.

²Now I appeal to Euodia and Syntyche. Please, because you belong to the Lord, settle your disagreement. ³And I ask you, my true partner, to help these two women, for they worked hard with me in telling others the Good News. They worked along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are written in the Book of Life.

⁴Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice! ⁵Let everyone see that you are considerate in all you do. Remember, the Lord is coming 3.

soon.

⁶Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

⁸And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

MESSAGE **God's Peace** **Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in every change God faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake to guide the future, as in ages past. Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know the Christ who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be Still My Soul **UMH 534**

3. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.



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.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

AND ALSO WITH YOU.

WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.

**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 ohana, 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.

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/BENEDICTION

Bishop Dottie Escobedo-Frank

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.)

