

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



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OPENING HYMN

Come Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(* You may stand.)

Leader: We gather today to remember and proclaim that we are God's people.

People: WE ARE GOD'S PEOPLE! GOD'S PRESENCE IS AMONG US!

Leader: God, show us your goodness that we may glorify you in all that we do.

PEOPLE: GOD, SHOW US YOUR GOODNESS THAT WE MAY GLORIFY YOU IN ALL THAT WE DO.

Leader: God's goodness passes by us daily in the gracious gifts of creation and in the faces of our neighbors.

PEOPLE: GOD, HELP US NOTICE YOUR GOODNESS IN EVERYTHING AND EVERYONE WE MEET.

Leader: When we notice God's goodness all around us, we recognize this truth: all things are God's.

ALL: LET US GIVE TO GOD THE THINGS THAT ARE GOD'S! AMEN.

1.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:
On Christ the solid rock I stand,
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.
(Refrain)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

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

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, we long to sense your presence and be assured that you have drawn near. Awaken us with your love and grace, and show us your possibilities for our lives. Assure us that we are not alone and that you walk with us always. For this, we offer you our thanks and praise. 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.)

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood supports me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
(Refrain)

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!
(Refrain)



First Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

Liturgist

¹²Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight." ¹³Now, if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.'



¹⁴He said, 'My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.' ¹⁵And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.'

¹⁷The LORD said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.' ¹⁸Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' ¹⁹And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The LORD";^[a] and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰But', he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' ²¹And the LORD continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; ²²and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**
THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

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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,



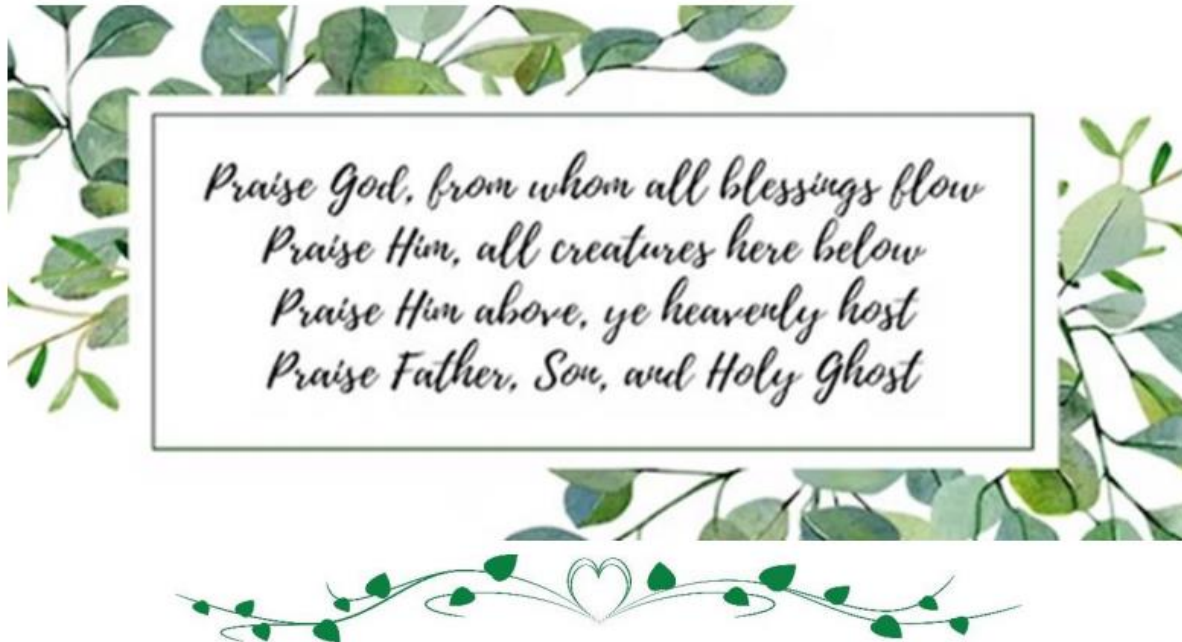
***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERING

***DOXOLOGY**



4.

HYMN OF PREPARATION Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

UMH 462

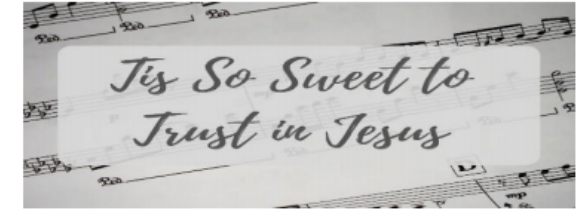
1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise,
and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus,
just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking
life and rest, and joy and peace.

Refrain: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust
him! How I've proved him o'er and
o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
O for grace to trust him more!

[Refrain]
4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee,
precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
and I know that thou art with me,
will be with me to the end. [Refrain]

2. O how sweet to trust in Jesus,
just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me
neath the healing, cleansing flood!
[Refrain]



SERMON SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention
you in our prayers, constantly ⁸ remembering before our
God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and
sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of
the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy
Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we
proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and
of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy
inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the
believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded
forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where
your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about
it. ⁹ For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we
had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and
true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the
dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.



5.

MESSAGE**Contagious Hope****Pastor*****CLOSING HYMN****Leaning on the Everlasting Arms****UMH 133**

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:
Leaning, leaning,
safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning,
leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. (Refrain)

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. (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 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.

**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
Grace Nava and Rosie
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 Hayes and family
Fred Kitonga, his sister, and nephew,
Lawrence, for the loss of Lawrence's wife,
Mary.
The family of Ellen DiGiampaolo 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*
Sione Vaikeli, whose wife Linda was lost in
the fire*
Chris & Velvet Welland
Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson
Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Kathy Bowen
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.