

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



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**OPENING HYMN**

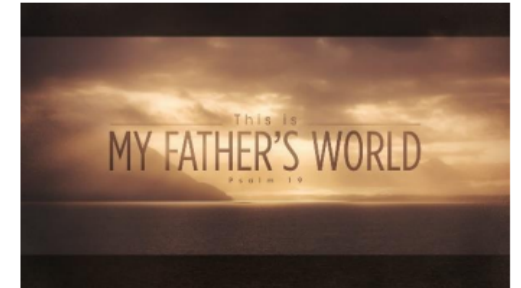
**This Is My Father's World**

**UMH 694**

1. This is my Father's world,  
and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world,  
the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world:  
he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world.  
O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so  
strong,  
God is the ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world:  
why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!



**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 90)**

**(\* You may stand.)**

Leader: Come, God of justice, be present today.

**People: FILL US FULL EVERY MORNING WITH YOUR FAITHFUL LOVE SO WE CAN REJOICE AND CELEBRATE OUR WHOLE LIFE LONG.**

Leader: Make us happy for the same amount of time that you afflicted us—for the same number of years that we saw only trouble.

**PEOPLE: LET YOUR ACTS BE SEEN BY YOUR SERVANTS; LET THEIR CHILDREN SEE YOUR GLORY.**

Leader: Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us. Make the work of our hands last!

**ALL: GOD OF GRACE AND GLORY, YOU ARE OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH, A PRESENT HELP IN TROUBLE.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE****God of Grace and God of Glory****UMH 577**

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
on the people pour thy power;  
crown thine ancient church's story,  
bring her bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.

2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Fears and doubts too long have  
bound us; free our hearts to work  
and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days.

3. Cure thy children's warring  
madness, bend our pride to thy  
control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal, lest  
we miss thy kingdom's goal.

4. Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the search for thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION****PRAYER TIME**

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

**UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God, your Son, Jesus Christ, has shown us how to love one another by first loving us. That love gives life to those who find hope in Him because he spoke that love in Your Name. The display of forgiveness Jesus offered on the cross proved that there is nothing that we can do that will separate us from your love. May your love for us overflow into hope, so that we may love ourselves, our neighbors, and our enemies. May the service we offer in the name of that love bring healing. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

**PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"**

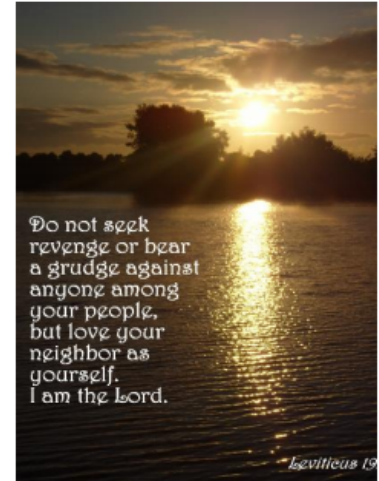
O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou' oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i. Amene  
(Your loving mercy is in heaven, and your truth so perfect. Amen.)

**First Reading****Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18****Liturgist**

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice, you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

**SECOND READING****1 Thessalonians 2:1-8****Liturgist**

<sup>15</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

*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**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**\*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 'Uhane no,  
Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i pu,  
Kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.  
Āmene.*

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

# 880

**UMH 70**

**Pastor**

**LUMC Choir**

**Pastor**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

**My Jesus, I Love Thee**

**UMH 172**

1. My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

2. I love thee because thou hast first loved me, and purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree; I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

3. In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; if ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.



**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 22:34-46**

**Pastor**

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' <sup>37</sup>He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.'" <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment.

<sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' <sup>43</sup>He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>"The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.



**MESSAGE**

**Love Is Everything**

**Pastor**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**Let There Be Peace on Earth**

**UMH 172**

Let there be peace on earth  
and let it begin with me;  
let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be

Let peace begin with me;  
let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take,  
let this be my solemn vow;  
to take each moment and live  
each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth,  
and let it begin with me

With God our creator,  
children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other  
in perfect harmony.



**\*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 Filiia  
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 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\*  
Sione Vaikeli, whose wife Linda was lost in  
the fire\*  
Chris & Velvet Welland  
Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson  
Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family  
Heather Coffey  
Tonga Tuaimeipi 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.