

WE REMEMBER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PRAYERS:

Rhonda Wilkes	Janice Hayes and family
Lotima Filiai	Fred Kitonga, his sister, and nephew,
Doreen Taylor	Lawrence, for the loss of Lawrence's wife,
Linda & Les Takahashi	Mary.
Laura	Warren Carthan & family
Patrick Muratta	Kevin Oliveti's sister Uheina in Tonga
Noah Min	The family of Barb Dering
Kelly Hess	The family of Janice Markwith
Julie Reed	The family of Frank Emanuel
Monique Peterson	The family of Mabel Shimomura
Justine	The family of Lori Ramsey
Rhoda	The family of Doug Gloege*
Sandy Wong	The Family of Carolyn Ono*
Riley Hope Jacobs	Sione Vaikeli, whose wife Linda was lost in
Julie Reed	the fire*
Denny White	Chris & Velvet Welland
Ellen Damaskas	Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson
Grace and Rosie Nava	Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Cathy Bradshaw	Kathy Bowen
Kathy Bowen	Tonga Tuaimelapi and family for the loss of
Cordelia Vogel	his sister.
Kyle	The Pasikala family
Candee	Edie and John Machonis
John and Cindy Yaos	Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Sherri Atkinson	Ariana and Austin
Gavin Kang	Sandy (Currently incarcerated)
Julie Freeman	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.

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



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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2023

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

UMH 131

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect
delight, visions of rapture now burst
on my sight; angels descending bring
from above echoes of mercy,
whispers of love.

(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his
love.

(Refrain)



GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Stone Malamala

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 19)

Leader: The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

People: DAY AFTER DAY, THEY POUR FORTH SPEECH; NIGHT AFTER NIGHT THEY REVEAL KNOWLEDGE.

Leader: They have no speech; they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

PEOPLE: YET THEIR VOICE GOES OUT INTO ALL THE EARTH, THEIR WORDS TO THE ENDS OF THE WORLD. IN THE HEAVENS, GOD HAS PITCHED A TENT FOR THE SUN.

Leader: It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

PEOPLE: IT RISES AT ONE END OF THE HEAVENS AND MAKES ITS CIRCUIT TO THE OTHER; NOTHING IS DEPRIVED OF ITS WARMTH.

1.

ALL: MAY THESE WORDS OF MY MOUTH AND THIS MEDITATION OF MY HEART BE PLEASING IN YOUR SIGHT, LORD, MY ROCK, AND MY REDEEMER.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Things Bright and Beautiful

UMH 147

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors,
and made their tiny wings.
(Refrain)

2. The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky.
(Refrain)

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one.
(Refrain).

4. God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
(Refrain)



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

Leader: Lord, in your mercy

ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

UNISON PRAYER

Lord, from the mountaintop in ancient Israel, you gave your people ways to live in harmony with all creation. As time has progressed, the power of those words seems to have faded in our communities, and we can very easily succumb to the temptations of power, selfishness, and greed. Remind us of your words of compassion and hope, offered to all creation by your Son Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and your direction in our lives. 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.)

2.



First Reading**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20****Liturgist**¹ Then God spoke all these words:² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labor and do all your work.¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.¹³ You shall not murder.¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.¹⁵ You shall not steal.¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.¹⁸ When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, ¹⁹ and said to Moses, 'You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die.' ²⁰ Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin.'**SECOND READING****Philippians 3:4b-14**^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, ³.in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal;^[c] but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own;^[d] but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly^[e] call of God in Christ Jesus.***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

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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,

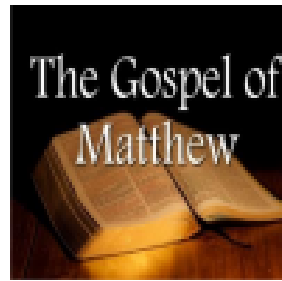
***GLORIA PATRI****UMH 70*****THE LORD'S PRAYER****OFFERING*****DOXOLOGY***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

HYMN OF PREPARATION When I Survey the Wondrous Cross UMH 298

1. When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small; love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

SERMON SCRIPTURE Matthew 21:33-46

³³ Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another.



³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." ³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" ⁴¹ They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

⁴² Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?

⁴³ Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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The Corner Stone

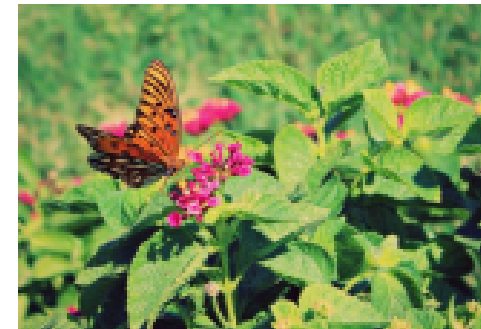
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***CLOSING HYMN**

Hymn of Promise

UMH 707

1. In the bulb there is a flower;
In the seed, an apple tree;
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.



2. There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
What it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

3. In our end is our beginning;
In our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing;
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection;
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

***CIRCLE OF OHANA**

"HAWAII ALOHA"

(Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hanau e, Ku'u ho-me kulaiwi nei. OI 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.

