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 Mabel Shimomura

The family of Frank Emanuel The family of Lori Ramsey The family of Doug Gloege* The Family of Carolyn Ono*

Sandy Wong Sione Vaikeli, whose wife Linda was lost in

Riley Hope Jacobs the fire*

Julie Reed Chris & Velvet Welland

Denny White Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson Ellen Damaskas Lyn and Judy Ebbe sen's family

Grace and Rosie Nava Kathy Bowen

Cathy Bradshaw Tonga Tuaimeiapi and family for the loss of

Kathy Bowen his sister.

Cordelia Vogel The Pasikala family

Kyle Edie and John Machonis

Candee Monique Peterson
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, SEPTEMBER 24th, 2023

OPENING HYMN

1. We gather together

to ask the Lord's blessing:

he chastens and hastens

his will to make known.

The wicked oppressing

he forgets not his own.

Sing praises to his name;

now cease from distressing.

We Gather Together

We all do extol thee,

2. Beside us to quide us. our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!



Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!

People: SING TO GOD; SING PRAISES TO THE LORD; DWELL ON ALL HIS **WONDROUS WORKS!**

Leader: Give praise to God's holy name! Let the hearts rejoice of all those seeking the Lord!

PEOPLE: PURSUE THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH; SEEK HIS FACE ALWAYS!

Leader: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works, and the justice he declares.

ALL: LET EVERYTHING THAT DRAWS BREATH PRAISE GOD.

*HYMN OF PRAISE Praise to the Lord, Almighty (verses 1-4)

- 1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; Join me in glad adoration!
- Praise to the Lord, who over all things so wondrously reigning. Bears thee on eagle's wings, e'er in his keeping maintaining. God's care enfolds, all whose true good he upholds. Hast thou not known his sustaining?
- 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee; Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee. Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee; fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee. The to thy need God as a mother doth speed; spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

UMH 139



PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PRAYER TIME

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



UNISON PRAYER

Compassionate One, from your providing hand, even those who grumble or are dissatisfied receive what they need for their lives. Teach us your ways of justice and give us generous hearts so that we may live a life worthy of the good news Jesus offers to those who long for justice. As we worship you today, let those teachings transform us in the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Praver"

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.

UMH 131

First Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned

from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at



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beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' And the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

SECOND READING

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Philippians 1:21-30

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Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well— since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*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,

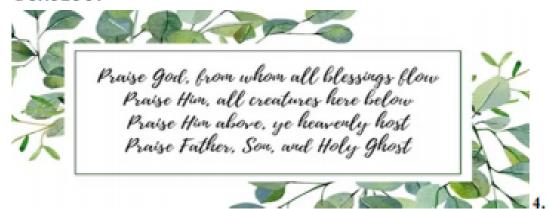
*GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY



MESSAGE

*CLOSING HYMN Leaning on the Everlasting Arms UMH 133

divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine.

1. What a fellowship, what a joy

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)
- 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)

*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.

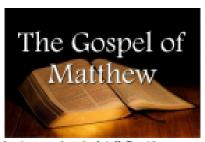


- More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!
- Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest; now thee alone I seek, give what is best. This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 20:1-16

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them,



Let sorrow do its work.

thee, more love to thee!

more love to thee!

come grief and pain; sweet are thy

messengers, sweet their refrain,

when they can sing with me: More

4. Then shall my latest breath

whisper thy praise; this be the

love, O Christ, to thee; more love to

parting cry my heart shall raise; this

still its prayer shall be: More love, O

Christ, to thee; more love to thee.

"You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. **Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. 44 And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner. ** saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." 18 But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? 4 Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. **Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" 16 So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'