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April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sunday, April 28th 9:00 a.m.

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Council Meeting after Service

Monday Night Bible Study – April 29th 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 550 530 1612 Passcode: 12345

Saturday, May 4th

Food Pantry – 8:30 -11:00 a.m.

Supplemental food is available.

Contact the Church Office to volunteer. (808) 244-9177

Choir Practice – 2:30 p.m.

Sixth Sunday in Easter, May 6th — 9:00 a.m.

Communion

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

Canned: soup, sausage, tuna, pork and beans, chili, fruits, vegetables, saimin, cereal, toilet paper, toothpaste, toothbrush, and soap.

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Music moves us towards the Holy.

PRELUDE.

Damira

Announcing the beginning of our worship.

RINGING OF THE BELL

We call ourselves to worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sana

There were many unexpected things this week
Somehow everything that needed to be done got done.
There were days of frustration that were met with friends.
There were deadlines and appointments
that were coordinated and met.
We were not alone
God of time, patience, help, and compassion was with us.
We come to say thanks
We come to give praise
We come to give worth to the author of love.

We sing about who God is to us.

PRAISE MUSIC ♪ We Have Seen the Lord ♪

Chorus

We have seen the Lord.
We have seen the Lord.
In the beauty of his holiness,
Living daily in his presence.
We have seen, we have seen the Lord.
We have seen the Lord.
We have seen the risen Lord.

Verse 1

An empty tomb of silent stone
Declares the news that life has won.
The risen Christ, the Son of God,
Defeated death for all of us. (Chorus)

Verse 2

Our empty lives, torn and bruised,
Receive with joy, the living truth.
Behold him now, the king has come,
To make our hearts his earthly home. (Chorus)

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Light candles during the prayer.

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

Sana

Loving God,
source of love.
unseen but evidenced all around us.
Abiding in us.
Abiding in you.
We are grafted to the taproot of love.
We are fruits that reach out like branches into the world.
Living in love now and always. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: ♪ COME, WE WHO LOVE GOD'S NAME ♪

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- 1 Come, we that love God's name,
and let our joys be known;
Together God's great love proclaim,
and thus surround the throne.
- 2 Let those refuse to sing
who never knew our God;
But we our thanks and praise will bring
for love so deep and broad.
- 3 God's grace on earth is found,
the seeds of glory sown;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground
from faith and hope have grown.

- 4 The hill of Zion yields
a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields,
or walk the golden streets.
- 5 Then let our songs abound,
and every tear be dry;
We're traveling through Emmanuel's ground,
to greater worlds on high.

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We confess the wounds of our world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sana

God, we come to you in confession;
the truth within us we hide,
the beauty we see elsewhere.
Your light we eclipse,
your heart we've wandered away from;
Your cross which has become so heavy.
And harmony that eludes us.

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

PASTOR: Let us sing the prayer Christ our Savior has taught us.

ALL: ♪ **Our Father, Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory.
Yes thine is the kingdom, The power and the glory
Forever, forever, forever. Amen, Amen. ♪**

Words Matthew 6:9-13 Music DENNIS ALLEN (CCLI#7143632)

The Words of Affirmation reminds us of God's promises.

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Sana

Hear these words of assurance from 1 John 4:7-21:
"We love because God first loved us."
Amen.

The Word of God for Children.

KEIKI SPECIAL

Sana

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 4:7-21

Sana

Aloha, Amour, Agape,

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.
⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.
⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him.
¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.
¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit.

Live Aloha

¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Loving Relationship

¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God,"

and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love, their brothers and sisters also.

Proclaiming God's Good News.

SERMON: "Abiding Love"

Pastor Robb

Questions: How does God's love inform our relationships with others?

Participating in God's mission.

MISSION MOMENT

Break the Silence Sunday, Thursdays in Black
Food Pantry
[Hawai'i 2023 Wildfires Relief Fund](#)

OFFERTORY

Mail, drop off, or PayPal (transfers are recorded on the 24th of each month) [DONATE NOW](#)

With our offerings we recognize God's blessings in our lives. We give to God a portion of what we have as an act of worship and participation in God's works of love.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Sana

God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him. May we abide in his risen life so that we may bear the fruit of love for one another and know the fullness of joy

****DOXOLOGY** 🎵 Ho'onani I Ka Makua Mau 🎵

ALL PEOPLE

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau,
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nö,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pü,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host,

Ko kēia ao, ko kēlā ao.

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

‘Āmene

We dedicate these offerings for God’s use through our church.

****OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ALL

Welcoming God, you receive and bless all who come to you in humility. Show us caring for one another that honors Jesus, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Prayer request can be made through “Contact Us” on our webpage. wailukuunionchurch.weebly.com We will not mention requests live, but if you give us permission, we will send it through our Pray Tree.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor

Thirty seconds of silence is provided between each stanza for reflection.

Your love, O God, is ever-present in our times of deepest despair as well as through the vastness of our praise. Your invitation to abide in you has no qualifications, but promises to be ever-close and ever-present when life is at its best, at its worst, and at every time in-between.

Comforting God, abide in us in times of sadness, loss, and disorientation...

Just God, abide in us in times of anger, betrayal, and slander...

Restoring God, abide in us in times of depression, brokenness, and failure...

Promising God, abide in us in times of hopefulness, renewed faith, and the assurance of the good yet to come.

Gracious God, abide in us in times of forgiveness, happiness, and thankfulness...

Reconciling God, abide in us in times of joy, unity, and peace...

Abide in us, Holy One, as we abide in you.

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ Help Us Accept Each Other ♪ NCH388

- 1 Help us accept each other
as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother,
each person to embrace.
Be present, God, among us,
and bring us to believe
we are ourselves accepted
and meant to love and live.
- 2 Teach us, O Lord, your lessons,
as in our daily life
we struggle to be human
and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them,
or as they may become.
- 3 Let your acceptance change us,
so that we may be moved
in living situations
to do the truth in love;
To practice your acceptance,
until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness
and laughter's healing art.
- 4 God, for today's encounters
with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance,
for righteousness and bread,
Bring us new eyes for seeing,
new hands for holding on:

renew us with your Spirit;
God! Free us, make us one!

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We are blessed as we depart into the world.

BENEDICTION

Proclaim love.

God's powerful love.

love is transformative.

Love sacrifices for blessing.

Love boldly cries out for justice.

Love beckons us to act courageously.

Be bold, be humble, be loving and beloved. Amen.

Music moves us into the world.

POSTLUDE

Damira