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Guest Pianist: Maki Rickard

Guest Soloist: John Wilt

April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTER

Sunday, April 14th 9:00 a.m.

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Monday Night Bible Study – April 15th 5:00 p.m.

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Meeting ID: 550 530 1612 Passcode: 12345

Saturday, April 20th

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.

Fourth Sunday in Easter, April 21st — 9:00 a.m.

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPING LIST

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

Music moves us towards the Holy.

PRELUDE "Great is Thy Faithfulness" John Wilt

Announcing the beginning of our worship.

RINGING OF THE BELL

We call ourselves to worship.

CALL TO WORSHIP Maru

We come, to bask in the graciousness of God's love,
We come, for forgiveness for our transgressions,
We come, to calm our fears and sort through our doubts,
We come, to learn about the rule of righteousness,
We come, to open our minds to wonder.

We come to the heart of God,
We come and are welcomed here.

Praise Music 🎵 Behold What Manner Of Love 🎵 CH708

Verse

Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us
Behold what manner of love
The Father has given unto us

Chorus

That we should be called
The *Children* of God
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Light candles during the prayer.

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER Maru

In your presence,
The scars on your hands remain
in the vulnerability of this community.
May we feel your healing touch
in your presence,
Your love is in the body of believers.
May we hear your words of forgiveness
And feel the belong to your family.

in your presence,
There are prayers and songs of worship.
Having recognized you as the resurrected Christ,
may we be filled with new life
and a renewed desire to serve.

OPENING HYMN: 🎵 "Come You Faithful Raise the Strain" 🎵
NCH #230

- 2 Spring has dawned on earth today;
Christ has burst from prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
as the sun has risen;
All the winter of our sins,
long and gray, is flying
From the Light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the joyous season, bright
with the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joys to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem
who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.

4 Neither might the gates of death,
 nor the tomb's dim portal,
 Nor the watchers, nor the seal
 hold you as a mortal:
 But today amid the twelve
 you will stand, bestowing
 Peace and joy which evermore
 passes human knowing.

We confess the wounds of our world.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Maru

There are days when we doubt
 Our being adopted into your family.
 We admit that we find ourselves unlovable,
 But that doesn't stop you from loving us, anyway.
 We are thankful for anyway.

We have days that are short on patience and hope
 But long on frustration.
 Turn that around for us.

We know we will never be perfect enough
 To merit your righteousness.
 Then we remember we are already 'good' enough.
 Help us to live into your grace and belonging;
 With You, with ourselves and with others.

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

Maru

Based on 1 John 3:1-7

People of the living God,
 see what love we have been given,
 for we are called the children of God
 and this is what we are.
 Therefore, we will not be deceived
 nor continue on a pathway of ignorance.
 We would open our minds to understanding,
 our eyes to the wonder that surrounds us,
 and our hearts to doing what is right.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

The Word of God for Children.

KEIKI SPECIAL

Lena

SCRIPTURE READING 1 John 3: 1-7

Maru

A Baffling Existence

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

Not Yet

²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Wounds in Relationships

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Proclaiming God's Good News.

SERMON: "Relationship" **Pastor Robb**

Questions: How are we shaped and formed by our relationship with Jesus?

Participating in God's mission.

MISSION MOMENT

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

Maru

To a world crying out,
Jesus came to teach, to heal,
to die for love and come alive in a new way.
Give us the power to be the Body of Christ today

****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**

Amazing Creator, send your Spirit to create us anew this day. Transform our hearts and minds to follow more closely in the way of Christ, and live the good news of your reign of love. 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

God of humanity, there is hardly enough room in our lives to deal with the distressing things we experience, witness, and hear about. Concerns for our world, our nation, our community push around us, pressing us into tighter and tighter spaces.

But here, God makes room for our distress.
In the silence, we ponder the things that disturb us.
(silence)

We pray for laws that advocate of the safety of its citizens, protecting their freedoms and dignity to choose their own destiny. We pray for the discussions communities need to have to listen to and develop their own culture, that respects the humanity of each other, no matter what age, sex, race, status, or ability...

We pray for the war between Israel and Gaza, for the humans that are being bombed in retaliation, for the intentional mistakes that bomb hospitals, humanitarian aid, civilians, and children. Bring relief to the starvation of a people who are different but feel, believe, hope, aspire, bleed, and die like any others made in God's image....

We pray for the conflict between Ukraine and Russia where the illusion of a former glory becomes the road to a failed future. We pray for patterns that form respectful relationships instead of territorial domination...

We pray for our United States to form communities of diversity, acceptance, respect, and cooperation instead of homogeneous strongholds of like mindedness, and ignorance. Move us beyond the failure of our government that puts political ambition before the good of the nation and the world...

No longer weighed down, no longer pressed flat, we can expand to meet the challenges we face. Thanks be to God. There are many who say, "O that we might see some good!" But here we remember that we see good every day. In the silence, we remember the gladness in our hearts. (silence)

May the light of God shine on us, in us, and through us. Thanks be to God.

CLOSING HYMN: ♪ God Loved the World ♪ NCH208

- 1 God loved the world and loving gave
A wondrous gift, the lost to save
that all who would in Christ believe
should everlasting life receive.
- 2 Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
who was made flesh and suffered death.
All who confide in Christ alone
are built on this chief cornerstone.
- 3 If you are sick, if death is near,
this truth your troubled heart can cheer:
Christ Jesus saves us all from death;
this is the firmest ground of faith!

- 4 Be of good cheer, for God in Christ.
forgives the flock, sins enticed.
And justified by Jesus' blood;
Your baptism grants, the highest good.

We are blessed as we depart into the world.

BENEDICTION

People of God,
you are witnesses of the risen Christ.
With our eyes open to wonder,
with our minds attuned to goodness,
with our souls aware of fears
and our doubts still remaining
but with hearts open to joy
We go ready to forgive,
Ready to go in peace
Ready to love
and ready to serve the world.

Music moves us into the world.

POSTLUDE "Thank You"

John Wilt