

Conference Worship Service- April 11, 2021

Order of Worship

Prelude: Pancakes & Praise Band Cover “Way Maker” (First UMC of Honolulu)

Call to Worship: Mele Maka, Conference Lay Leader

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit, unite us Lord by your everlasting love.

We welcome the one who doubts.

We welcome the one who says, “unless I see, unless I touch.

We welcome those who have heard the good news, the ‘Resurrection News’ and are filled with fear locked away isolated one from another in distant virtual spaces.

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live, gather, and worship in unity!

We’ve come to worship in Spirit and truth with joy and thanksgiving.

Come let us worship the risen Lord.

(written by Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins)

Welcome: Ms. Lois Price, Lay Leader, Echo Park UMC

Unison Opening Prayer: Rev. Christy Clark

Mighty God, Living God,

Your eternal love is so deep, so broad, so high, and beyond all thought and imagination.

You made the world in beauty and restore all things in glory through the birth, life, crucifixion, death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Give us a spirit of kindness to welcome all people in fellowship and generous affection,

Teach us to keep faithful witness and boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection,

As we move through every sorrow, trial, and uncertainty of this life, strengthen, and uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection. Amen

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Opening Hymn: UMH 158 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” (Church of the Good Shepherd)

Passing the Peace of Christ

Praying for the Community and the World: Franie Maddela, Echo Park UMC

Praying the Prayer that Jesus Taught Us

Solo: “Graves into Gardens” by Valerie Hungalu (Guam UMC)

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-35: Samantha Moreno, Echo Park UMC

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Anthem: Grace Greater than Our Sin: The EPUMC Choir, directed by Mina Rhee

Lectura de la Escritura: Hechos 4:32-35: Samantha Moreno, Echo Park UMC

³² La multitud de los que habían creído era de un corazón y un alma. Ninguno decía ser suyo propio nada de lo que poseía, sino que tenían todas las cosas en común. ³³ Y con gran poder los apóstoles daban testimonio de la resurrección del Señor Jesús, y abundante gracia era sobre todos ellos. ³⁴ Así que no había entre ellos ningún necesitado, porque todos los que poseían heredades o casas, las vendían, y traían el producto de lo vendido ³⁵ y lo ponían a los pies de los apóstoles; y se repartía a cada uno según su necesidad.

English Sermon: "With Great Power" Rev. Kristie Grimaud (Foothills UMC)
(The Sermon in Spanish by David Jaimes will be posted on the Echo Park UMC Facebook page.)

Offering

Offertory Prayer: Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Conference Staff

Acts 4:32-35 is a passage of scripture that encourages us to love and care for each other in unity as the Church. We read about the generosity of the believers, holding nothing back – giving all. In these challenging times I come asking you to make an offering. In these times when some are battling illness, faced with losing homes, jobs, family members, loved ones, friends, and other resources I come asking you to make an offering. In these challenging times I come with the reminder that worship, praise, and making an offering to God are essential to our faith. In these challenging times I ask you to make an offering to your home church.

Holy One, we proclaim that Jesus, the Messiah, lives again. Yet, our thoughts are quickly cluttered with finite, insignificant activities, and agendas. Instead of remaining focused on the abundance of divine transformation, we return to a pessimistic mindset of scarcity. Refocus our attention on the joy of Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen. John 20:19-31

Adapted from www.DavidSBell.org.

Response Music: 'Ofa Ta'emalau (Indescribable Love) by Valerie Hungalu (Guam UMC)

Announcements: Pastor Frank Wulf

Closing Hymn: UMH 364 "Because He Lives" (Church of the Good Shepherd)

Benediction: Rev. Ed Hansen

The God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in every good gift so that you may do God's will. May God work among us all that which is pleasing in God's sight through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

Heb. 13:20, 21.

Postlude: Pancakes & Praise Band Cover “Trading My Sorrows” (First UMC of Honolulu)