

Focus

Glorifying God through our D.A.Y.S.

(Discipleship, the Arts, Young People and service)

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF HONOLULU | 1020 S. BERETANIA STREET, HONOLULU, HAWAII 96814
APRIL 2022 – VOLUME LXIX, ISSUE 4



HOLY WEEK

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10
10:00 a.m. English, 12noon Tongan
In-Person. Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Good Friday

Friday, April 15
Virtual. A service of Tenebrae will be available on our Facebook and Youtube channel to be observed at your convenience.
12noon Tongan In-Person.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17
10:00 a.m. English, 12noon Tongan
In-Person.

Church Events

- Apr 2nd – UMW Spiritual Life Retreat
- Apr 10th – Palm Sunday
- Apr 15th – HOLIDAY: Facilities & Office CLOSED
- Apr 15th – English Good Friday Service on Facebook and YouTube
- April 15th – Tongan Good Friday Service – Noon
- Apr 17th – Easter - 10:00 a.m. – English 12noon - Tongan
- Apr 22 – Mental Health Workshop 5 – 6:30 p.m.

Ministry Musings



Dear FUMC 'Ohana:

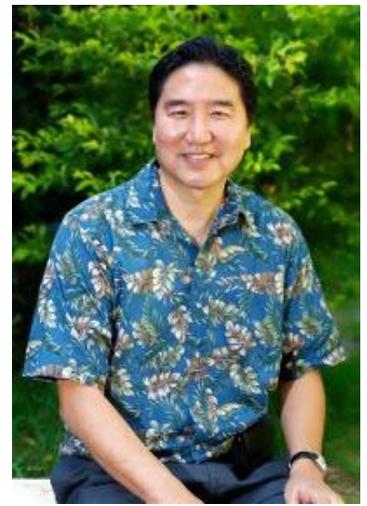
RESURRECTION IS AN INTERNAL REALITY - NO MATTER WHAT ELSE IS HAPPENING

As of this writing, we have returned to in-person worship in our newly renovated sanctuary. It was a great experience! Of course, while we are optimistic, we are living in times when we don't know what will happen in the world. The COVID pandemic is still a concern with the BA2 variant that is looming, the crisis in Ukraine, the uncertain economy, etc.

Who knows what is in store for us at First UMC of Honolulu? Is there a chance that we will be back to online only for Easter? Wouldn't that put a damper on the celebration of Jesus's resurrection?

Think back, however, to the first Easter. It was a difficult time for the people of Jesus's homeland. They were subjects of the Roman Empire - and they would continue to be even after Jesus rose again. They would continue to hide away from the authorities, who were hunting them down for following the rebel rabbi, Jesus.

Everything was the same...and everything was different. There was a transformation in their hearts because of the reality of the resurrection of Jesus made all the difference. They would soon be anointed by the Holy Spirit and they were filled with confidence, with a sense of power, and above all, hope, that no matter what was happening, life would be fulfilling and meaningful.



Pastor Tom Choi
Senior Pastor

PC: Aloha Images & Design

I don't know what will happen on April 17 in the world. But I do know that as people of faith, we can continue to live the truth of Jesus's resurrection and life. Join us for Holy Week with the English ministry:

APRIL 10 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY AT 10 AM
- Holy Communion will be celebrated on this Sunday, rather than the customary first Sunday, to be in line with the dramatic events of Holy Week.

APRIL 15 - GOOD FRIDAY - a virtual Service of Tenebrae, to be observed at your convenience.

APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY AT 10 AM - a celebratory service featuring the return of live brass musicians! There will also be dance and a choral acclamation.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Grace and aloha,

Pastor Tom

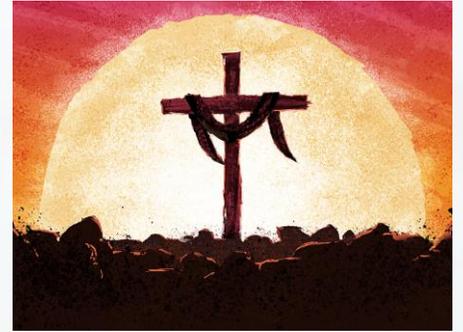


From Faifekau Linita Moa's Desk



PC: Aloha Images & Design

Si'i Kaunga Pilikimi,
Fakafeta'i ki he 'Otua Mafimafi
he'etau a'usia mai 'a e Mahina fo'ou
ni, 'Epeleli 2022, pea ko e tumutumu
'o 'etau fakafeta'i ko e fu'u 'ofa lahi
mo e 'ofa hulu kuo tau lavenga
monu ai.



'Oku tau kau fakataha pe mo e kaveinga 'o e mahina ni: **Ko e Tu'i 'o e ngaahi Tu'i 'okú ne tu'utu'unia 'a e founga 'o e mo'ui 'a e tisaipalé 'o a'u ki he Kolosi / A Disciple's life, the Way of the Cross, is governed by the King of Kings.** 'Oku 'ikai te tau mei malava 'a e hala fononga 'o e fa'ahita'u, Leniti, ke tau a'u ai ki he kolosi, ka ko e 'iate kitautolu 'a e Tu'l 'o e ngaahi Tu'i.

'Oku fakamalo lahi he kuo kamata 'etau lotu ki Falelotu he mahina ko Ma'asi, pea 'oku tau faka'amu pe 'e pehe aipe 'a 'etau ngaahi ma'unga kelesi 'o e ta'u mo e hokohoko atu. Fakafeta'l he 'etau fe'iloaki fiefia he mo'ui.

Ko 'etau ngaahi me'a faka'eiki te tau hokohoko atu aipe he ngaahi taimi mo e feitu'u 'e ngaue 'aki, pea 'e toki fakaongo fakauike atu pe he'etau ngaahi Malanga Sapate. Tau fehufia'aki pe 'a e ngaahi taimi faingata'a ko'eni ki he ngaahi famili 'oku huki tonu ai 'etau ngaahi me'afaka'eiki.

Ko e ngaahi polokalama koia ki he Uike Tapu, Kataki pe te tau toki malanga Pekia pe he Falaite Lelei/Good Friday, pea tau toki Malanga Toetu'u pe he 'aho Sapate 'Epeleli 17, 2022.

Ko e polokalama Pekia/Toetu'u 'a e Fanau Talavou mo e Finemui 'e fakahoko ia ki Kahuku UMC he 'aho Tokonaki, 'Epeleli 16 'o e mahina ni, pea 'oku teuteu kiai 'etau fanau, fakataha mo 'enau ngaahi hiva ki he 'aho koia.

Ko e mahina ni, ke tau kau fakataha mu'a he felotu'aki mo fehufia'aki, pea 'oku tau fai mo e 'apasia mo'oni. Ko 'ene a'u mai pe 'etau *Halanga Tapuaki* pea 'e paaki atu leva ke tufa he Sapate hoko. Fakataha mo 'etau Momo ki he mahina ko 'Epeleli 'e fakahoko atu ia he Sapate 'Epeleli 3.

Tauange ke tau 'inasi he 'ofa mo e kelesi 'a e 'Otua Mafimafi he fononga'anga 'o e mahina fo'ou ni. 'Ofa lahi atu mo e Lotu.

Faifekau Linita 'U. Moa





Sermons for 10 a.m. English Worship Service

IF YOU WATCH ONLINE, WE ARE ON FACEBOOK LIVE, WITH AN EDITED VERSION ON YOUTUBE.

APRIL 3 – SERIES: 'The Grace of Les Miserables - Messy Relationships.'
Continuing the series based on Matt Rawle's book on the classic novel and subsequent films and musical. Pastor Tom Choi will focus on the many complicated relationships in the story, and how love is the important key to binding them.

APRIL 10 - PALM/PASSION SUNDAY.
Theme: "Revolution." Pastor Tom Choi on the historical part of the story of Les Miserables, which focuses on a revolutionary conflict that arose. This parallels the situation during Jesus's time, and in today's world situation, is happening in places like Ukraine. Holy Communion will be celebrated on this day.

APRIL 17 - EASTER SUNDAY. Pastor Tom Choi concludes the "Les Miserables" series with "The Blessed Garden - A Hopeful Vision." A celebratory service with brass, a special dance, and a choral acclamation.

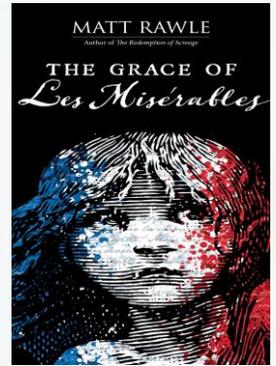
APRIL 24 – Pastor Kim Houff preaches on Doubting (?) Thomas, John 20:19-31

You can access previous videos of our worship services on Facebook (First United Methodist Church Honolulu) or edited versions on YouTube (First United Methodist Church of Honolulu). Or if you prefer a printed copy of the worship script, please call 808-522-9555 or email office@firstumchonolulu.org to request one be mailed to you.

DISCIPLESHIP

Sunday Bible Study Sundays, following 10:00 AM worship via Zoom

During the season of Lent, we will be discussing *The Grace of Les Miserables* by Matt Rawle. One does not need to read the book to attend the study. Join us and learn more about grace as we prepare for the joy of Easter. This study will be hybrid. No study will be held on Easter. Please email Kim@firstumchonolulu.org for more information and the Zoom link.



Hybrid Sunday Social Sunday April 24 following 10:00 AM Worship

All are invited to join a social time following worship in person or via Zoom. Get to know your FUMC 'ohana in a relaxed atmosphere. Pastor Kim will provide a topic to spur our discussion. For more information and/or to get the Zoom link, please email Kim@firstumchonolulu.org.



United
Women
in Faith

Women United in Faith (UMW)

All women are invited to meetings of Women United in Faith (formerly UMW). The English Circle will meet on **Wednesday, April 13 at 11:30 a.m.** in Komuro Hall and via Zoom. Tupouseini Kelemen will lead the program, "One with Each Other, One with the World" which explores the concept of holy imagination in our own meaning-making. If you would like to join the group, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org to get the Zoom link.

The Tongan Circle will not meet in April. Check the May newsletter for meeting date, time, and place.



Kids Church

Sundays

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.

via Zoom

This month we'll conclude our Easter series titled "Easter Science" and start our new series titled "Doughnuts" where our keiki will learn that the 10 Commandments can make us, and the world around us, a sweeter place.

Lessons:

April 3: The Trust Experiment – When Jesus was arrested, Peter was scared and denied that he even knew Jesus. Kids will learn that we should trust God even when we're scared.

April 10: The Forgiveness Experiment – Jesus died on the cross for our sins. Kids will learn that when we believe in Jesus he removes all our sin.

April 17: EASTER – No Kids Church

April 24: The Salvation Experiment – On Easter morning, God raised Jesus to new life again. Kids will learn that because of Jesus we can have a new life on earth and eternal life with God forever.

Email Office@firstumchonolulu.org to receive the 2022 Zoom link, registration form and Kids Church Activity Packet.

Servants Needed for Worship Service

Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

- Like meeting people? Then being a greeter or usher is the perfect place to serve.
- Have technical skills? Join our sound team, visual media team, or camera crew.
- Have attention to detail? We could use you on the production team.

Requirements: willingness to learn and take direction, punctuality, and a heart to serve.

This is a great way to get volunteer hours for those seeking scholarships for 2022-2023!

If you are interested in serving, email kim@firstumchonolulu.org or see her after service on Sunday.



YOUNG PEOPLE

Young Adults Ministry (YAM)

What a joy it was on March 20th to meet in person again to worship and serve together!

For all our life, it was normal and not even a thought to gather in person, then suddenly, we were forced to stay away from each other and gather virtually and that became normal.

As we were able to sit together just 6 feet away from each other for Young Adults Ministry, we were reminded that there is something powerful about being physically present. We shared scripture and talked about grace and forgiveness citing examples from some of the characters in Les Miserables. Being physically together is good, but being spiritually together is even better. We pray that everyone stays healthy so we can all get back to a new normal where we all worship together.

Mark Brekke

Director of Young Adults Ministry



SERVICE

Disaster Relief Hygiene Kits

We are collecting the following items to put together Hygiene Kits to replace the ones we are sending to Tonga:

- Hand towels (15" x 25" to 17" x 27") – no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- Washcloths - no kitchen, cleaning, or microfiber towels
- Combs – must be sturdy with at least 6" of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable but must have at least 6" of teeth
- Toenail or fingernail clippers – no emery boards or metal nail files
- Bath-size soap (3 oz. bar or larger) – no Ivory or Jergen's soap, do not remove from packaging.
- Adhesive bandages (3/4 by 3") – common household bandages are acceptable
- One-Gallon size re-sealable bags

Please call the office at 808-522-9555 to make arrangements to drop off donations. Monetary donations are also welcomed, go to firstumchonolulu.org, click on GIVING and select DISASTER RELIEF. For more information email Pastor Kim at kim@firstumchnolulu.org.

Meals for FAMILY PROMISE

Volunteers are needed to provide meals for Family Promise on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Kim at kim@firstumchonolulu.org or 808-522-9555.

Susannah Wesley
Community Center

Community
Diaper Drive

Helping
Mothers
in May

Our Goal:
Collect
10,000 Diapers
by April 30th
For Distribution
in May 2022

Please Help:

What: Diapers (all sizes)
When: Now thru April 30th
Drop Off: Mon-Fri 8:30a-4p
@Center
1117 Kaili Street, Honolulu
Call: 808-847-1535

Monetary Donations Welcome!
www.SusannahWesley.org

Did You Know:

- Babies require up to 12 diapers per day
- 1 in 3 families struggle with diaper costs & 48% delay diaper change to extend supply



THE ARTS

Samaritan Counseling Center Hawaii Presents

Wāhine Wellness: A Vision Board Experience!

- Do you ever feel overwhelmed about which direction to take in your life?
- Would you like help organizing your thoughts about which direction to head next?
- A vision board can be an anxiety reducing, self-care tool, to help prioritize and plan your future!

Friday, April 22

5-6:30 PM

Komuro Hall

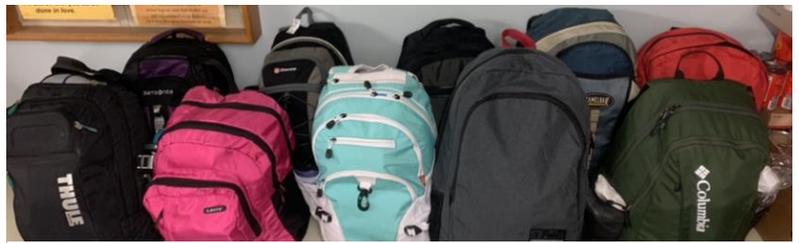
Email kim@firstumchonolulu.org for more information and to sign up.

CHOIR FOR EASTER

Calling all those interested in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" for English worship on Easter, Sunday, April 17. Practice will be on Thursdays, April 7 and 14, at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary.



1020 South Beretania Street
 Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-1492
 (808) 522-9555 Fax (808) 528-3992
 Website: www.firstumchonolulu.org



Thanks to your generosity, we packed 10 backpacks for parolees!

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>All classes and Worship Services are held in-person or hybrid. Check with committee chairs for committee meeting times and locations.</i></p>						
6am Tongan Worship 3 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 9am Kids Church via Zoom 10am English Worship 11:00 am The Grace of Les Miserables 11:00 Young Adults Ministry 12noon Tongan Worship	4 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	5	6 5pm Keiki Sign Dance (Zoom) 7pm Tongan Worship (Sanctuary)	7 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Ray Vander Laan Study (Zoom) 6:30 Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	8 1	2 9am UMW Spiritual Life Retreat (Trinity UMC)
<p style="text-align: center;">PALM SUNDAY. 10</p> 6am Tongan Worship 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 9am Kids Church via Zoom 10am English Worship 11:00 am The Grace of Les Miserables 11:00 Young Adults Ministry 12noon Tongan Worship	11 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	12	13 11:30am UMW English Circle (Library) 5pm Keiki Sign Dance (Zoom) 7pm Tongan Worship (Sanctuary)	14 HOLY THURSDAY 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Ray Vander Laan Study (Zoom) 6:30 Choir Practice (Sanctuary)	15 GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY Office & Facilities CLOSED 12pm Tongan Worship (Sanctuary)	16
<p style="text-align: center;">EASTER SUNDAY. 17</p> 6am Tongan Worship 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 10am English Worship 12noon Tongan Worship	18 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	19	20 5pm Keiki Sign Dance Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 7pm Tongan Worship (Sanctuary)	21 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Ray Vander Laan Study (via Zoom)	22 5-6:30pm Wahine Wellness Workshop (KHall)	23
6am Tongan Worship. 24 8:30am Pancakes and Praise Breakfast (grab and go only) 9am Kids Church via Zoom 10am English Worship 11:00 am Hybrid Social Hour 11:00 Young Adults Ministry Social 12noon Online Tongan Worship	25 2-4pm FoodBank 6:30pm Tongan Bible Study (Zoom)	26 7pm CFA meeting	27 5pm Keiki Sign Dance Recording (Sanctuary) 7pm Tongan Worship (Sanctuary)	28 6:30pm Ray Vander Laan Study (via Zoom)	29	30

First United Methodist Church

1020 South Beretania Street

Honolulu, Hawaii 96814-1492

(808) 522-9555 Fax (808) 528-3992

Website: www.firstumchonolulu.org

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Church Leaders & Staff

Pastors: The Rev. Dr. Tom Choi
The Rev. Dr. Linita 'U. Moa

Minister of Discipleship & Community Engagement:
Rev. Kim Houff

Office Manager: Sandi Brekke

Facilities Director: Paini Harris

Director of Youth & Handyman: Mark Brekke

Director of Young People's Ministry: Mele Pepa Latu

Choir Director: Tupou Seini Kelemen

Accompanist: Jason Eom

Finance Administrator: Ongu Koli

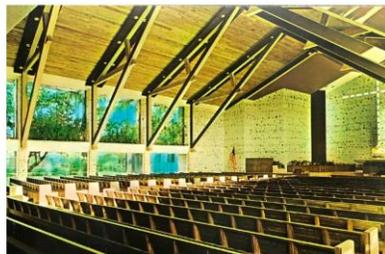
Custodians: Heamasi Koli, Pat Sheppard,
Pongi Vehikite, Sia Lolohea

CONNECTIONAL LEADERS:

Resident Bishop:
Bishop Grant Hagiya

District Superintendent:
Rev. Moonyoung Lee

FROM THE ARCHIVES:



BACK THEN...

The FUMC sanctuary as it was,
following its construction in the
1950s.

...AND NOW!

The FUMC sanctuary as it is
today, recently refurbished and
open for in-person worship!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Have a question or request you think the archives can answer? Contact
Ashleigh Houff at ahouff@hawaii.edu, or the church office!

Check out our website: www.firstumchonolulu.org



Email: Office@Firstumchonolulu.org



Instagram: [firstumchonolulu](https://www.instagram.com/firstumchonolulu)



Facebook: [First United Methodist Church Honolulu](https://www.facebook.com/FirstUnitedMethodistChurchHonolulu)



Twitter: [HonoluluFUMC](https://twitter.com/HonoluluFUMC)