



*The Lihu'e Evangelical Lutheran Church  
of Hawai'i*

*Ka Hale Pule 'O Na Lahui Apau . . .  
Church Of All Peoples . . .*

*. . . Hele Pu Makou me Iesu Kristo  
. . . Walking Together With Christ*

September 14, 2025

9:00am

## *Those Serving Us Today*

*Rev. David Hendrickson, Pastor*  
*Rhonda Pabo, Organist      Tony Kment, Technology*  
*Jan Rentz, Greeter ~ Vickie Oana, Lector*  
*Jerry & Laura Nishek, Ushers*  
*Kaleb Medeiros, Acolyte      Keisha Medeiros, Crucifer*

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### *Altar Flowers*

If you would like to honor your family or friends on their birthday or anniversary and to the glory of God with altar flowers for Sunday morning services. Please see the Flower Chart at the back entrance of Church to sign up.

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### *Aloha Hour*

Aloha Hour is being hosted by *Lihue Lutheran Church and Michael Koerte*. Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for refreshments & fellowship. If you would like to host an Aloha Hour the sign up calendar is posted at the front entrance of church

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### *Weekly Event*

- ◇ Mobile Munchies—Every Thursday morning in the fellowship hall @ 7:30am
  - ◇ CENTERING PRAYER in the SANCTUARY, SATURDAY 8:30-9:30 AM  
Everyone welcome, short intro will be provided. A 20 minute contemplative prayer period followed by Lectio Divina (a contemplative reading and listening and reflecting period) Liedeke, lbulderart@gmail.com or 808-652-8234
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### *Worship Theme for Today*

The grumbling of the Pharisees and the scribes in today's gospel is actually our holy hope: This Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. That our God wills to seek and to save the lost is not only a holy hope, it is our only hope. As Paul's first letter to Timothy reminds us, "The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Thanks be to God.

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*Lihue Lutheran Spotlight*  
*Hau'oli Lā Hānau to Karen Kirchner (09.18)*

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*Welcome to Our Guests*

It is always a joy to share our faith and worship with people visiting from around the world. Please know your presence and participation in our service is most appreciated. At Lihue Lutheran we celebrate Holy Communion at every service. You are certainly welcome in joining us as our Lord comes to us in this holy meal.

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*Prayer Concerns*

Please remember these people in your prayers during the week: Isaac Silva Baker, Larry Arndt, Vanessa Fujiyama, Liedeke Bulder, Joyce Obenauer, Carrie Jilek, Lavonne Francis, Leslie Davies Gibb, Bertram Almeida, Kathy Rosare, Kai Wayne Parraga, Kristin & Kayla Tomas Deyro, Vickie Oana, Ernest Koerte, Donna Childers, Mary Speegle, John & Lowe Danner, Lisa & Rodd Sunada, Wendy & John Dobbs, Regina & Ryan Jimenez, James F., Karen Kirchner, John Thiele, Gregory Honnold, Jr.; Karen Olson, Sindy Dayment (Dawn & Bernard Connors daughter's sister-in-law), Italee Rodriguez (Penny Parraga's Grand daughter), Susan Pittman, Wendy Smith (Liedeke's daughter-in-law), Ray O'Flaherty, Sharon & Berndt Kammer (Karen Kinoshita's cousin), Dave Hamry, Ken Garrett, Beverly Robertson (Shannon Lorenzo's Mother), Kurt Medeiros, Bob & Joann Clash, Sally Rasay, Stan Weeks, David Gragg, Joe Morgan, Zosimo and Virginia Austria, Karen Kinoshita, Rick Rentz, Norman Dibble, Kazue Zaima, John Mattek, Robert Giraldo II (Bobby Giraldo's son), Lolli Hagen, Abraham Torres, Sr., Kristy Kahananui, Uncle Joe, Mallory Rodriguez, Peter Alisna, Tirzah Pope, Pastor Matthew Weber, Stephen Shioi, Peggy Hood, Jason Shimono, Richard Rasay, Nancy Nelson (formerly Mandell), Karen Pavao, Edward Rasay, Marcos Larson (Liedeke's son), Penny Parraga, Yvonne Shinseki, Al Dressler (Larry's Father), Shirley Hallman (Denese Alcott's Mother), Mercy Ballesteros, Anna Marie & Phil Croghan, Sheila Belarmino, Ray Roderick, Sayla Hachey, Julie Sweeny, The Church Council, and leaders in the ELCA. If you have additional prayer requests, please let the church office know.  
"Ask it in my name . . ." Mahalo for your love.

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*Remembering Our Military*

As we gather for worship, please remember those serving us in the military, and the families of our Hawai'i National Guard. These names have been given by loved ones and family members: Navy – TJ Javinar, Kristian Matsumoto, Kiana Alisna, Coast Guard - Brian Rodriguez, Ke'ale Renta, Army - Jason Lumacad, Brandon Perkinson, Drew Cox, Tony Garton, Air Force - Kasey Kajiwara, Steven Javinar, National Guard - Benji MacKenzie, Eddie Resinto, Fred Casticimo, Philip Kamakea, Anthony Y. Torres, Master Sgt. If you know of someone you would like added to our prayer list, please advise the church office.

# *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

## Order for Worship

### *\*Confession and Forgiveness*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C **Amen.**

P Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Merciful and loving God,

C **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C **Amen.**

### *\*Sending Hymn*

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

*(Pastor to play Guitar)*

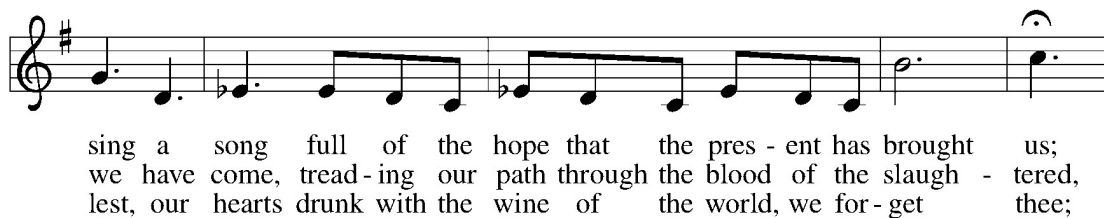
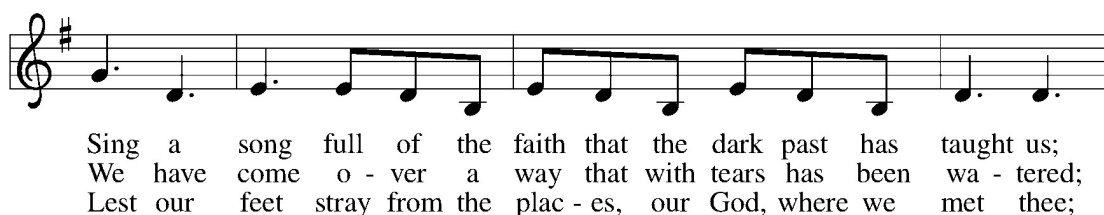
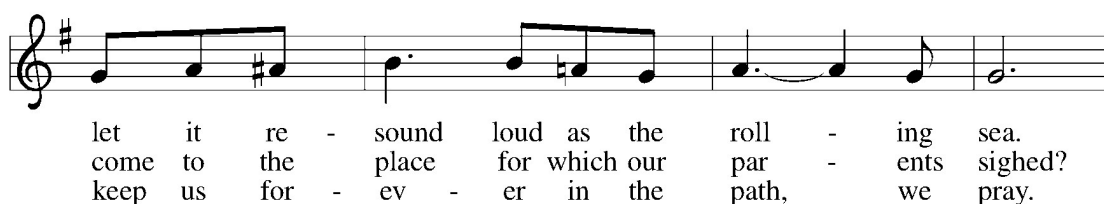


1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,  
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,  
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.  
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;





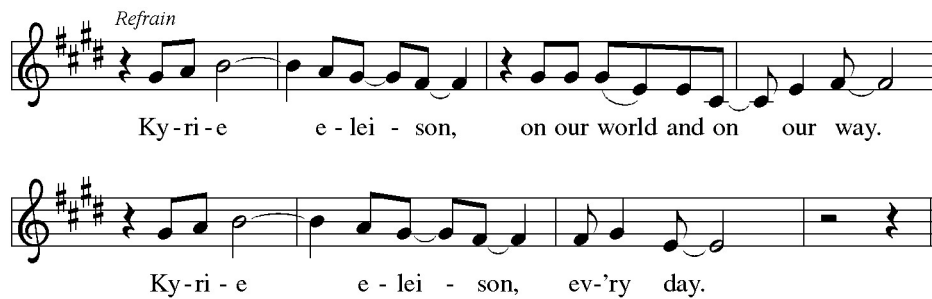
## \**Apostolic Greeting*

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**



## \**Kyrie*



For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;  
For this holy house, for all who worship and praise,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (*refrain*)

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
That we may live out . . . truth and justice and grace.  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (*refrain*)

For peace in our hearts . . . For peace in our homes . . . For friends and family.  
For life and for love . . . For our work and our play,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (*refrain*)

For your Spirit to guide, that you center our lives in the water and the word;  
That you nourish our souls . . . With your body and blood,  
Let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (*refrain*)

## \**Prayer of the Day*

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

**C** Direct us, O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen

## *First Reading*

## *Exodus 32: 7-14*

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.*

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you

brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

**A** The Word of the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

## *Psalms 51: 1-10*

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**Wash me through and through from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my offenses, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness, a sinner from my mother's womb.

**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me, and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness; that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my wickedness.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.**

## *Second Reading*

## *1 Timothy 1: 12-17*

*The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God*

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Je-

sus came into the world to save sinners — of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God.

## *\*Verse Response*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## *\*Holy Gospel*

## *Luke 15:1-10*

*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

P The Holy Gospel according to Saint  
Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



<sup>1</sup> Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."  
<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be

more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup> "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

P The Gospel of the Lord.



## *Keiki's Sermon*

## *Sermon*

*=\*Hymn of the Day*

*Take My Life that I May Be*

*(Pastor to play Guitar)*

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas      Last time



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;

que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
 take my feet and let them be swift and  
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
 take my lips and let them be filled with  
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estribillo*

pul - so de tu a - mor.  
 beau - ti - ful for thee.  
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
 mes - sag - es from thee.  
 be thy roy - al throne.

## *\*New Members Commission and Blessing*

### *\*Apostles' Creed*

P God has made us God's people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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**

## *\*Prayers of the Church*

- P Confident in God's compassionate rule and enduring love, let us lift up the needs of the church, the world, and all of creation.
- A God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, you fulfilled the promise made to our mothers and fathers in Jesus, our brother. Guide your church in its ministry of extending your promise of life to the whole world. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A God of all goodness, your Spirit sustains the universe, from the stars of heaven to the deepest sea. We pray that our exploration of the expanses of your creation always honors its creator. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A God of all people, your patience is revealed in your mercy toward us, even when we turn aside from your ways. We pray for all world leaders, that they might be guided in your way of peace. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A God of all healing, the pain we feel is also felt in your wounded heart. We pray for all who long for joy and gladness in the midst of sickness of mind, body, or spirit. Listen the names we bring before you . . . Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- A Be with those who are guests of our Island. May their stays be restful and renewing, their travels safe, and their homecomings joyous. Hear us, O God.
- C Your mercy is great.**
- P Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen**



## *\*The Queen's Prayer*

Piano

O kou a - lo - ha no A i - a i ka La - ni, A  
No - lai - la e ka - Haku Ma - la - lo kou e - he - u, Ko

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Piano accompaniment for the hymn. The score is written for piano (Pno) with a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are written below the notes.

*English Translation*

1. O Lord thy Loving Mercy,  
Is high as the Heavens.  
It tells us of thy truth.  
And 'tis filled with holiness

3. For thy grace I beseech thee.  
Bring us 'neath thy protection.  
And peace will be thy portion  
Now and forever more. Amen

## Sharing of the Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us share the peace of the Lord.

## Offering





*In response to the many requests we've had, we now have a contactless option for both members and visitors to share their offerings. It is still done over our Vanco church giving platform so it can connect to your stewardship account for record keeping. Mahalo!*

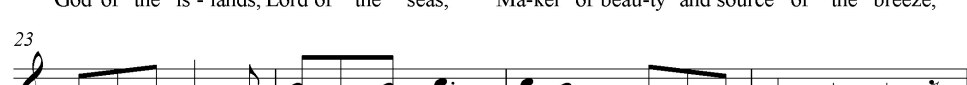
## Offertory Response

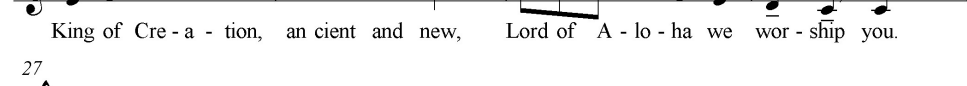
## Lord of Aloha

God of the is - lands, Lord of the seas, Ma - ker of beau - ty and source of the breeze,  
5 King of Cre - a - tion, an - cient and new, Lord of A - lo - ha we wor - ship you.  
9 Auth - or of mer - cy, Giv - er of grace, Bles - sed Re - deem - er who died in our place, Fath - er of one O

14  
  
 ha-na are you, Lift-ing our voic-es we sing "Al-le-lu" Lord of A-lo-ha we wor-ship you.

19  
  
 God of the is-lands, Lord of the seas, Ma-ker of beau-ty and source of the breeze,

23  
  
 King of Cre-a-tion, an-cient and new, Lord of A-lo-ha we wor-ship you.


27  
  
 Lord of A-lo-ha we wor-ship you.


### *\*Offertory Prayer*

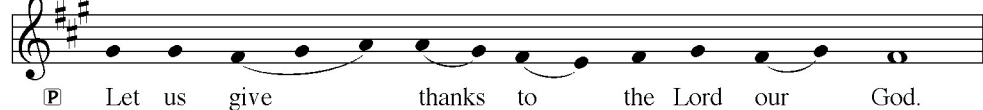
P Let us pray, Lord of the harvest,

C we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *\*The Great Thanksgiving*

  
 P The Lord be with you. C And al-so with you.

  
 P Lift up your hearts. C We lift them to the Lord.

  
 P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.  
Hea - ven and earth are filled with Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na on high. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the  
high - est, Ho - san - na, ho - san - na on high.

## *\*Words of Institution*

### *\*The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

## *Invitation to Communion*

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

## Distribution

*All are welcome to share in this meal with us. The wine will be distributed from a chalice with a pouring lip. After receiving the bread, the assistants will present the tray with empty glasses. Please pick up a glass and wait for the Pastor to fill it with wine from the Common Cup. The center circle of cups is pre-filled with grape juice for those who would rather not receive wine.*

## Communion Hymns

## Make Me an Instrument

Make me an in - stru - ment Lord of Thy peace

5  
as I Let go as I re - lease  
9 as I give love love I re - ceive

Make me an in - stru - ment hum - ble and free

13  
as I a - wak - en the liv - ing Christ in me

18  
Oo as I a -

23  
wak - en the liv - ing Christ in me

## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

*(Sung three times)*



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



## *Distribution from the Pew*

*We invite you to join us in receiving a socially-distanced communion from your pews. The sacraments have been prepared and are ready to be received! Come! Eat and drink!*

## *\*Post Communion Prayer*

**P** Let us pray. O God,  
**C** **through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## *\*Blessing*

**P** The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝ bless you now and forever.  
**C** **Amen.**

## *\*Benediction*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace in the name of Ma-kua, ✝ Keiki Kane, and Uthane Hemolele.  
**C** **Amene**

*\*Sending Hymn*

*To Be Your Presence*



1 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion here, to show com-  
2 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion bold, to feed the  
3 To be your pres-ence is our mis-sion blest, to speak for  
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas-sion's face and lis-t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer-cy  
poor and shel-ter home-less cold, to be your hands of jus-tice,  
all the bro-ken and op-pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
peo-ple is our call and choice, and in this mis-sion we, the



ev-er near,  
right up-hold, al-le-lu-ia!  
love ex-pressed,  
church, re-joice,

A Go in peace. Do not lose heart. C Thanks be to God.



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