

Makawao Union Church

A WEEKLY UPDATE during this time of Sacred Distancing

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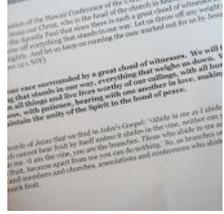
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It is hard to believe that this is the last Sunday in Lent, that just five short weeks ago we gathered for soup and a Service of Ashes where we walked the labyrinth together. It is hard to believe that we are enacting Sacred Distancing and worshipping online and watching the world pause in the face of the COVID 19 virus.

The last two weeks have been a whirlwind. For many it has been a time of intense overwhelm. So much change in so little time. The comforts of family, of freedom, of work and time in the physical presence of other has given way to the discomfort of isolation, boredom of self amusement, anxiety about the future and just too much time online.

But there is also something else emerging. It has caused us all to stop and pay attention differently. I have spoken with people who discovered how much beauty surrounds them as they walk around their neighborhood. I have spoken with people who discovered how Zooming (video calls) is creating connection that they never knew was possible. I have spoken with people who discovered what a gift the days without carpools, soccer practice and play rehearsal are.

On the other side, I have spoken with people who are struggling with too much togetherness, or aloneness. Some are struggling with a loss of identity and purpose. Some are now working 12-14 hours days and struggling with the demands of going virtual. There is so much change happening in such little time.

And yet, there are gifts emerging for us all. As we move through this coming week I invite you to explore the space around you and within you and see where the Grace of God is gifting you. And when you feel that gift, pick up the phone and call or text someone you think could use a little of that Grace. Send a note on FaceBook or email. Offer a space for Grace.

There are two more Sunday's in Lent and then we WILL celebrate Easter, albeit quite differently than before. We WILL welcome the open tomb and the resurrected Christ. We will remember that our Journey on the Asphalt Gospel during Lent will bring a new chapter in our lives and on our beloved planet. And until then, make some space for grace. We are all in this together. God is here with us.



Zooming In! Ways to Stay Connected



Are you looking for ways to stay connected with you MUC Ohana/Family? Over the coming weeks we will be using our Zoom platform to host

- Prayer Chapel
- Sunday School and Keiki times
- Bible/Book Study
- Men's Breakfast
- Sisterhood
- Happy Hour

In addition, your Deacons are working on a plan to make sure we are being cared for and connected so no one is lost in this time of physical distance. Look for more information about this in next week's Weekly Newsletter. Until then, see you at Worship!

Meetings and Updates



This past 10 days has been filled with meetings, meetings, meetings! Your AMAZING leadership bodies at MUC have been nimble and responsive to this ever-changing situation and we want to offer a HUGE shout out to all of our MUC Leaders!!!

We have had multiple Council meetings to respond to the different orders coming from the Governor's and Mayor's office. Please see the latest press release from the Mayor's office attached. In addition, Deacons, Personnel, Fellowship, Christian Ed, and our new Worship Tech Team, Core Worship Design Team and Communications Team have all met to make sure MUC remains vital and ready for the day we can open our campus.

This coming week there will be the following meetings on Zoom. Look for meeting invites in your email.

- Friday 3/27** @1PM—Fellowship
4PM—Christian Ed
- Saturday 3/28** @4PM—Worship Tech Run-through
- Tuesday 3/31** @10AM—Worship Tech Debrief
3PM—Core Worship Design Team
- Wednesday 4/1** @10AM—Deacons

Worship Information



Who would have imagined that we would be hosting online worship 5 weeks ago. And how amazing that we were able to do this in a matter of a days. Let's offer our AMAZING Worship Tech Team and Core Worship Design Teams a great big MAHALO for the passion and commitment that is going into maintaining this central element of our life here at Makawao Union Church.

[Click Here](#) for last weeks' worship service.

Much thanks to Lewis Gamble for the editing magic!

To experience Worship this coming Sunday you can join us via Zoom by clicking the link below. We will use the same meeting id each week.

<https://zoom.us/j/689084489>

Meeting ID: 689 084 489

Or you can call in and listen by your telephone at +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

You will find attached the bulletin for this coming Sunday as well.

Don't Forget, we will be hosting Aloha Hour and taking some time to greet and check in with one another after worship. Grab a cup of coffee and stay to chat!

Worship Tech Team: Jen and Brian Pinter, Lewis Gamble, David Fisher, Pastor Robin

Core Worship Design Team: Jay Slaughter, Bill Kepler, Jen Pinter, Liz Gregg, Pastor Robin

Support: Shanna Robidoix

Elected and Appointed Leadership at Makawao Union Church

COUNCIL—elected

Jay Slaughter—Moderator
 Joy Webster—Clerk
 Judy Anderson—Treasurer
 Donna McCleary—Deacons
 Lewis Gamble—Trustees
 Jennifer Slaughter—Christian Ed

DEACONS—elected

Donna McCleary
 Terry Roas
 Kathy Fletcher
 Bill Kepler
 Lu Kepler
 Judi Nakanelua

TRUSTEES—elected

Lewis Gamble
 Warren McCord
 Scott Mackie
 Yeshua Garlathy
 Shauna Lyons
 Joy Webster
 Rick Rose
 Joe Fletcher

CHRISTIAN ED—elected

Jennifer Slaughter
 Marion Hart
 Chris Kepler

Vacant Seats: Vice Moderator and Financial Secretary

FELLOWSHIP—ad hoc

Judy Anderson
 Loretta Hughes
 Terry Rose
 Judi Nakanelua
 Liz Gregg

PERSONNEL—ad hoc

Donna McCleary
 Terry Rose
 Lewis Gamble
 Joy Webster
 Shaun Lyons

FACILITIES USE—ad hoc

Joy Webster
 Lewis Gamble
 Shaun Lyons
 Rick Rose

BENEVOLENCE—ad hoc

Diana Dahl

BYLAWS—ad hoc

Joy Webster
 Donna McCleary

CORE WORSHIP DESIGN TEAM—ad hoc

Jay Slaughter
 Bill Kepler
 David Fisher
 Liz Gregg
 Pastor Robin Lunn

WORSHIP TECH TEAM—ad hoc

Lewis Gamble
 David Fisher
 Jen Pinter
 Brain Pinter

COMMUNICATIONS TEAM—ad hoc

Marion Hart
 Brian Pinter
 Shanna Robidouix

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS—appointed

David Fisher
 Nancy Johnson
 Rick Busta
 Kathy Fletcher
 Dave Williams

MUC STAFF

Rev. Robin Lunn *Pastor*
 Shanna Robidouix
Administrator

Liz Gregg
Director of Music Ministries
 Yeshua Garlathy *Custodian*

Please take a minute to read the Mayor's 3/25/2020 press release with important information about the Maui County Stay At Home order. While it is difficult to understand why we cannot be around one another if we don't feel sick it is important that we follow the guidelines of the Stay At Home order to enact our love and care for one another.

- DO go outside and walk, stroll, dance, sing, laugh and walk your animals!
- DONT gather with those not already in your household.
- DO wash your hands A LOT!
- DON'T touch your face if you can help it.
- DO pray and ask God how you can help your neighbors while being safe.
- DON'T worry about the future. God is with us so who can be against us?

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