

ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR JULY 24, 2022

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

We kindly ask you to silence all phones and electronic devices during worship.

**Asterisk indicates you are invited to stand if able and willing.*

TOLLING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Michael Springer

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Czarnecki

Aloha! For those of you who do not know me or are visiting us online for the first time, my name is Pastor Chris. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, I want to welcome you to First United Protestant Church of Hilo. I am so grateful you have decided to join us for worship today. In today's worship service we will look at the gift of prayer and the power it can have on our relationship with God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Come! Join the fellowship of God's people—a diverse people who gather as disciples of Christ.

All: We seek a relationship with the One who loves us as we are.

L: Come! Join the welcome of God's people—a people who embody the acceptance and hospitality Jesus showed.

All: We seek a relationship with the One who welcomes us as we are.

L: Come! Join the celebration of God's people—a people who have come to give thanks and gratitude for the presence of God.

All: We have come. We are seeking. Let us now honor and worship the One know as God.

DAILY AFFIRMATION

Affirm for Yourself: As **I** pray, **I am** tapped in, tuned in, and turned on to the power of God.

Affirm for a Neighbor: As **you** pray, **you are** tapped in, tuned in, and turned on to the power of God.

Affirm for the World: As **we** pray, **we are** tapped in, tuned in, and turned on to the power of God.

***OPENING HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

NCH #386

PEACE READING

Our peace reading for today comes from Mother Teresa, who was an Albanian-Indian Roman Catholic nun who founded missionary activities for the poor of Calcutta Indian in the 1950s. She is recognized as a Saint by the Roman Catholic church today. She is remembered as once having said...

"I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

SCRIPTURE READING

Our Scripture reading for today comes from the Gospel of Luke 11:1-13 (NLT), where Jesus' disciples ask him to teach them about prayer...

¹ Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

² Jesus said, "This is how you should pray:

"Father, may your name be kept holy.

May your Kingdom come soon.

³ Give us each day the food we need,

⁴ and forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And don't let us yield to temptation."

⁵ Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ⁶ 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' ⁷ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' ⁸ But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

⁹ "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹ "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? ¹² Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! ¹³ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

Liturgist: May the spirit of these sacred words be instilled within me.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Lord, Teach Us to Pray”
Rev. Christopher Czarnecki

GIFT OF MUSIC

“Seek Ye First”
By Karen Lafferty
Solo by Joanne Pocsidio
Accompanied by Michael Springer

TIME OF PRAYER & MEDITATION

Use this time of prayer to reflect and meditate on the joys and concerns of your heart. If comfortable you may close your eyes and listen to the pastoral prayer offered today as a meditation.

RESPONSIVE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father-Mother in heaven, hallowed be your name.

***Mystery beyond our knowing,
close to us as our breathing,
in humble awe we pray.***

*Your Kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven*

***We pray for your vision of justice and mercy
to be made real in our world even now.***

Give us today our daily bread.

***We pray for your vision of enough
enough sustenance, enough warmth,
enough healing for all your children.***

*Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

***We pray for the grace to let go of [difficulty]
as we embrace your vision for life,
that we might follow you safely through [our trials].***

*For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours.
Now and forever.*

Giving thanks for presence that defies definition in this life and beyond.

Amen.

Amen.

(written by Katherine Hawker)

PRAYER RESPONSE

NCH #765

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Now is our time of offering. If you have been spiritually nourished by today's worship service, I want to encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting the work and ministry of the church through a tithe or donation. **Last week (7/10 – 7/16) we received a total of \$96.00 to support the work and ministry of the church.** Please visit our website to see the multiple ways you can give to the church during this time such as through our Facebook Page, PayPal, or by simply writing a check to the church.

Pastor: The gift of God is everywhere. It lives and moves within everything. This gift is not only ours to own, but it is a gift we are called to share. A gift we can help others recognize and be aware is right before them. As we consider our own gifts, from the depths of our hearts, we offer the very best of what we have to God. May our offerings be an act of worship and gratitude to the God who has given so much to us.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All: Lord, our gifts are not casually presented. There is sacrifice and surrender in each of them. Before you we offer our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service. Gifts that have blessed and will be a blessing. Use them for the transforming work love, peace, and justice. Use them for purpose of kin-dom building. Use them to help us be who Christ calls us to be. Amen.

***DOXOLOGY HMYN**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!
Praise God, all creatures here below!
Praise God, above, you heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

NCH #508

BENEDICTION

Rev. Christopher Czarnecki

***O kou a-lo-ha no, A i-a i ka La-ni
A o kou oiai’o, He he-mo-le-le ho’i. Amene.***
[Translation: Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect.]

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Our next church council meeting is today at 11:15am following our worship service. At council meetings important events, issues, and decisions are made in the life of the church. All are welcome to attend, even if you are not a member. Meeting minutes of the previous council meeting are made available outside the church office on the bulletin board. If you would like a hard copy to take with you, please contact the church office.
- We are looking for volunteers to help with special music and reading liturgy during worship over the next few weeks. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Pastor Chris.
- Have you ever prayerfully considered serving as part of the church council team? We will soon be looking for folks to serve on the church council for the 2023 year. The church council helps lead the congregation in its mission, sets goals and priorities, and helps conduct the business and financial affairs of the church. There are several vacancies open, and we would love to have you as part of the team. If you would like to know more about how you can serve or the vacancies that are currently open, please reach out to a council member or Pastor Chris. To serve on the church council you must be a member of the church.
- On Saturday August 6th the ICIA will be having a Walk-a-thon to End Family Homelessness at the Civic Auditorium. The walk will begin at 7:30am, with check-in starting at 7:00am, and end at 8:30am. Following the walk there will be live entertainment and food available for purchase. Prizes will be handed out to the top three walkers who collected the most donations. Cost of registration will be Adults (18+): \$25, Ages 6-17: \$10, Ages 5 and under: Free. You can register by visiting the ICIA’s website at: <https://interfaithhawaii.org/events.html>.
- If you need information about where to receive a COVID-19 vaccine or a booster shot, or you need to locate a local testing site to see if you have contracted the COVID-19 virus, we now have information on our website where you can find these locations at. Please visit us at www.fupchurch.org.
- Following the Governors announcement in March to end the indoor mask mandate the church council has decided not to make any changes to its covid-19 safety protocols and precautions. We ask that you continue to wear a mask while worshipping with us on Sundays unless a medical condition prevents you from doing so. If you have questions, please speak with a council member.
- We offer a “*Help Yourself Food Pantry*” here at the church. The food pantry is open to anyone who is experiencing a food shortage with no questions asked. We welcome donations of non-perishable and shelf stable items to stock the food pantry year around. Please check the expiration date of any donated items to ensure they are not nearing expiration.
- Have you missed previous information about news and events happening at the church? Did you know you can find and read our old e-newsletters by visiting our website here:

<https://www.fupchurch.org/e-newsletters>. If you would like to receive news and events happening at First United Protestant Church, please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter at <https://www.fupchurch.org/>.

- If you would like a hard copy of the Pastor Chris's sermon, please contact Pastor Chris, or reach out to the church office.