

Welcome to **Iao United Church of Christ** in Wailuku, Maui



*“We are a people of God,
living and sharing the love of Christ
and reflecting that love
in words and actions.”*

Virtual Worship | Sunday, July 26, 2020

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8th Sunday After Pentecost



Prelude

Played by Karyn Sarring, Choir Director/Pianist

“We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed”

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The Tibetan Bowl Centers Us As We Are Called to Worship

(Romans 8, Matthew 13)

Rong: Praise the Lord!

People of God: We gather to sing praises to God.

Rong: Praise the Lord!

People of God: We gather to give thanks for all God has done in our lives.

Rong: Praise the Lord!

ALL: We gather to worship our creator, redeemer, and sustainer.

Pastor Tino: Please join us in singing our opening hymn three times,
“Welcome to this House” found in the Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #7

Opening Hymn:

“Welcome to This House” (3x)



Sing! Prayer and Praise Hymnal #7

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- 1. Welcome to this house, open and affirming. In God’s Son we are all one.
Hand in hand we stand. Welcome to this house, caring and accepting.
In God’s Son we are all one. Welcome to this house of God.**
- 2. Welcome to this house, there is room for ev’ry one. All will sing, praises we bring.
Let us all be one. Welcome to this house, where God gives the call to serve.
All will sing, praises we bring. Welcome to this house of God.**
- 3. Welcome to this house, blessed by Word and Harmony. Child of God, born
from above, know that Christ is love. Welcome to this house, filled with peace
and charity. Child of God, born from above, welcome to this house of God.**

Opening Prayer (in unison)

(Genesis 28, Romans 8)

Holy One, we come before you with sighs too deep for words. We come with hearts overwhelmed—by the world, by personal relationships, and by inward struggles. We come to praise your name and to be reassured of your unending grace. In this time and place, open our hearts to your presence. Open our ears to hear your word proclaimed. Open our hands to serve you and the world. May our lives reflect Christ, who walks with us and gives us life. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen,

We Confess Together (in unison)

(Romans 8)

**Loving God, you search our hearts to see all the good,
all the challenges, and all the obstacles in our lives.
You remember the times we have turned away from you—
the times we have forgotten we are your beloved children.
Forgive us when we do not act as your faithful followers.
Remind us we are a part of your family. May your Son,
Jesus Christ, intercede in our lives to bring us grace and
healing. Help us be your servants and share your story
with the world. In your precious name, we pray. Amen,**

God's Assurance To Us

(Romans 8)

Pastor Tino:

Beloved children of God, nothing in this life
can separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Receive the forgiveness of God,
and go forth to be the loving community of faith.

*All the readings on the following slides are from the
New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)*

The First Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. For those whom God foreknew God also predestined to be conformed to the image of God's Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom God predestined God also called; and those whom God called God also justified; and those whom God justified God also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? God who did not withhold God's own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will God not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Reading *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.” He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.” “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So, it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Message

“Imitating God’s Kingdom on Earth”

Rev. Floren “Tino” Cordova, Pastor



Hymn of Response: *“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”*

Sing! Prayer & Praise Hymnal #139

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- 1. I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime Lord, and any where.
I’m gonna live so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.**
- 2. I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.
I’m gonna work so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.**
- 3. I’m gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.
I’m gonna pray so God can use me anytime, Lord, and why where.**
- 4. I’m gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.
I’m gonna sing so God can use me anytime, Lord, and any where.**

Prayers of the People

To close, you are invited to join in the prayer Jesus taught his disciples in the words, language and culture that you feel most comfortable.

All forms are acceptable to God's hearing.

The Lord's Prayer

Our (Father, Mother, Creator, Parent), which are in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy dominion (kingdom) come, Thy will be done – on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the dominion (kingdom), the power, and the glory – forever and ever Amen,



Closing Hymn: *“Go in Peace”*

Chalice Praise Hymnal #183

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**Go in peace, go in peace, go in peace,
God bless you.**

**May God’s grace be with you, friend,
both now and when we meet again.**

Benediction

(Genesis 28, Psalm 105, Romans 8, Matthew 13)

Pastor Tino: Go forth knowing that you are part of God's family.

People of God: We go forth proclaiming the praises of God.

Pastor Tino: Go forth in the assurance that Christ is always with us.

**ALL: We go forth to bring the kingdom of God wherever
we are, because**

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Happy Birthday!

Jennifer Saito – July 28th

Travis Ikeda – July 28th

Francis Yinmed – July 30th

Postlude



Sung & played by Karyn Sarring, Choir Director/Pianist

“May the Lord Bless and Keep You” (ChalicePraise #187)

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**We continue
to pray for
each other.
As we journey
together,
let us BE
the “deployed”
people of God.**



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“Never place a period, where
God has placed a comma,”



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*We hope that you have had a wonderful virtual worship
experience with us. We look forward to being with you again soon,*



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