

Order of Worship

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON
California-Pacific Annual Conference — April 11, 2021

PRELUDE *Way Maker* Pancakes & Praise Band
(FUMC Honolulu)

CALL TO WORSHIP Mele Maka, Conference Lay Leader

Come, let us gather in the one unifying Spirit, unite us Lord by your everlasting love.

We welcome the one who doubts.

We welcome the one who says, “unless I see, unless I touch.

**We welcome those who have heard the good news, the ‘Resurrection News’ and are filled with fear
locked away isolated one from another in distant virtual spaces.**

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live, gather, and worship in unity!

We’ve come to worship in Spirit and truth with joy and thanksgiving.

Come let us worship the risen Lord.

(written by Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins)

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Christy Clark

Mighty God, Living God, Your eternal love is so deep, so broad, so high, and beyond all thought and imagination. You made the world in beauty and restore all things in glory through the birth, life, crucifixion, death, and victorious resurrection of Jesus Christ. Give us a spirit of kindness to welcome all people in fellowship and generous affection, teach us to keep faithful witness and boldly proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, as we move through every sorrow, trial, and uncertainty of this life, strengthen, and uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection. Amen.

(written by Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins)

HYMN *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* UMH 158
Led by Church of the Good Shepherd

SCRIPTURE *Acts 4: 32-35* Marissa Wells, Conference Staff

SPECIAL MUSIC *Graves into Gardens* Valeria Hungalu (Guam UMC)

SERMON *With Great Power* Rev. Kristie Grimaud (Foothills UMC)

SPECIAL MUSIC *‘Ofa Ta’emalau (Indescribable Love)* Valeria Hungalu (Guam UMC)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Alma Johnson-Hawkins, Conference Staff

Holy One, we proclaim that Jesus, the Messiah, lives again. Yet, our thoughts are quickly cluttered with finite, insignificant activities, and agendas. Instead of remaining focused on the abundance of divine transformation, we return to a pessimistic mindset of scarcity. Refocus our attention on the joy of Easter, so that we may recognize all that we have received and be led to give cheerfully. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(adapted from www.DavidSBell.org)

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HYMN *Because He Lives* UMH 364
Led by Church of the Good Shepherd

BENEDICTION Rev. Ed Hansen

POSTLUDE *Trading My Sorrows* Pancakes & Praise Band
(FUMC Honolulu)