



TRINITY CHURCH

HYBRID WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

10:30 AM

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Amy
Opening Prayer liturgist
*Opening Hymn "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

Message for All of God's Children April

Invitation to Offering liturgist
Offering/Offertory Sheila
Prayer of Dedication liturgist

Sharing Our Prayers congregation
Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Amy

Hymn of Preparation "As the Deer"
Scripture Reading liturgist
Numbers 22:21-29

²¹ So Balaam arose in the morning, saddled his donkey, and went with the officials of Moab.

Balaam and the Lord's messenger

²² Then God became angry because he went. So while he was riding on his donkey accompanied by his two servants, the Lord's messenger stood in the road as his adversary. ²³ The donkey saw the Lord's messenger standing in the road with his sword drawn in his hand, so the donkey turned from the road and went into the field. Balaam struck the donkey in order to turn him back onto the

road. ²⁴ Then the Lord's messenger stood in the narrow path between vineyards with a stone wall on each side. ²⁵ When the donkey saw the Lord's messenger, it leaned against the wall and squeezed Balaam's foot against the wall, so he continued to beat it. ²⁶ The Lord's messenger persisted and

crossed over and stood in a narrow place, where it wasn't possible to turn either right or left. ²⁷ The donkey saw the Lord's messenger and lay down underneath Balaam. Balaam became angry and beat the donkey with the rod. ²⁸ Then the Lord opened the donkey's mouth and it said to Balaam, "What have I done to you that you've beaten me these three times?"

²⁹ Balaam said to the donkey, "Because you've tormented me. If I had a sword in my hand, I'd kill you now."

³⁰ The donkey said to Balaam, "Am I not your donkey, on whom you've often ridden to this day? Have I been in the habit of doing this to you?"

Balaam said, "No."

³¹ Then the Lord uncovered Balaam's eyes, and Balaam saw the Lord's messenger standing in the road with his sword drawn in his hand. Then he bowed low and worshipped. ³² The Lord's messenger said to him, "Why have you beaten your donkey these three times? I've come out here as an adversary, because you took the road recklessly in front of me. ³³ The donkey saw me and turned away from me these three times. If it hadn't turned away from me, I would just now have killed you and let it live."

Message Pastor Amy

"Nonsense from the Bible: The Talking Donkey"

Special Music Praise Band
"How Great Thou Art"

Sending Forth with Blessing Pastor Amy
Sung Response congregation

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art.
(repeat)**

*please stand as able

September Hybrid Worship Team:

Susan (liturgist), Sheila (greeter),
Ruth, Leia and Miriam, Sheila Alapati, Ryan Ching,
April Bierman, George, Netzer, Seini and Tuli Pohiva,
Pastor Ongo (Zoom Host)

PRAYER LIST

- ~ Our world, nation, state, community, and all our leaders
- ~ Doreen's mom, Myrna's mom and those who care for them
- ~ Those battling cancer: Sharon (Bishop Sano's daughter-in-law), Michelle (Susan G-C's friend), Saka (Ongo's brother-in-law), Lorraine (Pastor Kirby's sister-in-law), Nellie's niece Yolanda, Amy's friends Clare & Carol
- ~ Those with ongoing health concerns: Susan G-C's mother-in-law Pat/friend Mr. Butler, baby Liam, Doug, Mary Cordial, Faone, Pastor Amy's aunty and uncle
- ~ The people of Tonga

- ~ The people of Ukraine and Russia
- ~ The people of Palestine
- ~ Roby, Michelle, Keith and Bill
- ~ **Latai, hospitalized**
- ~ **Liann, reoccurring pain from leg surgery**
- ~ **For all who loved Ricardo Fortuno, for our great loss**

Services for Norman Chang, Susan G-C's father-in-law, will be held on Tuesday, September 27 at 10 am at Nu'uanu Memorial Park, West Chapel.

Services for George Kawagoe will be held on Saturday, October 22 at 11:30 am at Mililani Makai. Visitation starts at 10:30, burial to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trinity UMC t-shirts are available for order **today!** See Doreen for more information.

Wednesday Bible Study on ZOOM: All are welcome to join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays at 5 p.m. where we'll consider, wrestle with, and find new meaning in six Gospel stories about the miracles of Jesus – what they meant for witnesses, in history, and today. Following the book "Signs and Wonders" by Amy-Jill Levine.

Ho'ike Pono Series

In 1893, the Hawaiian Monarchy was illegally overthrown by a group of businessmen, descendants of missionaries, and soldiers from the United States. Rev. Harcourt W. Peck was part of the armed militia that led the attack and imprisoned the reigning Queen Lili'uokalani. He went on to re-establish First Methodist Episcopal Church in Honolulu. As an Act of Repentance, the Hawaii District is hosting a series of conversations about how we can participate in the healing of our islands. The first session is on **Sunday, October 2 at 4 p.m.** HST on Zoom. We will view and discuss the MFSA webinar on the "Doctrine of Discovery" and how it relates to Native Hawaiians and our task of repentance. Register at <https://bit.ly/3AOAe9q>.

We are invited to join our LGBTQ+ affirming UMC community and Conference staff Rev. Denyse Barnes for a **free private tour of The Healer Stones of Kapaemahu exhibit at Bishop Museum**

on Wednesday, October 12 at 11 a.m. The exhibition explores the past and contemporary meanings of four large stones that were long ago placed on Waikiki Beach to honor four māhū, extraordinary individuals of dual male and female spirit, who brought healing arts from Tahiti to Hawaii. Although the stones have survived for centuries, the story behind them has been suppressed and the respected role of māhū erased. Please RSVP to Pastor Amy or Pastor Jessica.

You are also welcome to join the **Honolulu Pride Parade on Saturday, October 15** from 9 -11:30 am with Trinity, Harris, Wahiawa and Parker UMCs. The parade goes from Magic Island to Waikiki Shell and a trolley is available for those who prefer to ride instead of walk. Please RSVP to Pastor Amy by October 1, earlier if you'd like a seat on the trolley!

The Special Offering this month will go to Beacon of Hope House a transition house for women released from the Women's Community Correctional Center. The vision of Beacon of Hope House is not only to help parolees make their transition into the community, but also to serve as a teaching model to be replicated by other churches. Thank you for your generosity.

Prayer Requests may be made in-person with the prayer request slips at the sign-in table or by texting Pastor Amy at 808-561-2260.

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Our Vision: to be thoughtful, authentic, and active followers of Jesus Christ empowered to change the world.