

Because of computer issues the formatting of this issue will be a little different.

Maui's poem is being written, I'm sure. I borrowed this from after the California fires.

## On the California Wildfires, by Tonya McQuade



### **Hazardous**

Outside, the air is filled with smoke and ash  
So thick the nearby mountains can't be seen;  
Bright red and purple colors on the map  
Warn that the air we breathe's no longer clean.

In San Jose, the current AQI  
(Air Quality, an Index I now know)  
Stands at a hazardous 195 –  
Without a mask, outside we should not go.

Some schools have closed, and some keep kids  
indoors,  
For outside air presents potential threats –  
Particulates that lodge inside our lungs,  
Like smoking half a pack of cigarettes.

The town of Paradise has been destroyed,  
More than ten thousand homes and buildings  
burned;  
Survivors had to flee, while close behind,  
The deadly fire toward them raced and churned.

So many tragic losses, dreadful tales –  
Of missing family members, injured pets,  
All worldly goods and photos turned to char,  
Scenes of destruction no one soon forgets.

A thousand still are missing, maybe dead;  
Evacuation centers overflow.  
While others have, at Walmart, pitched their tents,  
No money left, not knowing where to go.

Considering the pain so many face,  
I can't complain too much about the air –  
Across the state, vast numbers suffer worse,  
Deserving much more sympathy and prayer.

Like hurricanes, each fire bears a name,  
The Camp and Woolsey currently the worst.  
Like tyrants, they've no mercy in their rage;  
Instead of blood, for trees and homes they thirst.

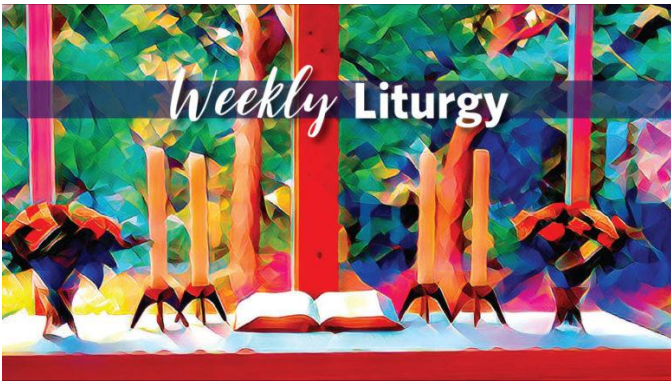
While thousands from those towering flames  
retreat,  
Heroic firefighters face them down,  
Each risking life and limb as, weapons raised,  
They battle to preserve life, tree, and town.

These natural disasters, strong and wild,  
Remind us there are limits to our power –  
Not even fame nor riches can protect  
From conflagration seeking to devour.

They also, though, reveal our human strength,  
For though we suffer loss, we persevere –  
We hug our loved ones tight, roll up our sleeves,  
And steel ourselves from giving in to fear.

We look for ways to help out those in need –  
Donating money, clothes, and blankets, too.  
The best of our humanity shines forth  
As people look for helpful things to do.

And so, I pray for those who've suffered loss,  
For those still seeking news of those they love,  
For cleaner, healthy air for all to breathe,  
And that soon raindrops fall from up above.



The lesson in **bold** is the focus of both the message of the day and any Sunday School lesson: the *italicized* title is the theme for Sunday service, usually.

August 6      10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
 Gen 32:22-31 & Ps 17:1-7  
 Rom 9:1-5  
**Matt 14:13-21**  
*Face to Face*  
 Hiroshima Day of Remembrance

August 13      11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Gen 37:1-4, 12-28** & Ps 105:1-6, 16-22  
 Rom 10:5-15  
 Matt 14:22-23  
*When All Seems Lost*

August 20      12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Gen 45:1-15** & Ps 133  
 Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32  
 Matt 15:(10-20), 21-28  
*Bold Moves*

August 28      13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
**Ex 1:8-2-2:10** & Ps 124  
 Rom 12:1-8  
 Matt 16:13-29  
*Be Transformed.*

August 7      Daniel Hadley  
 August 9      May-Lynn Johannes  
 August 12      Lauren Akitake  
 August 13      Joshlyna Fugow  
 August 13      Scott Akitake-Hill  
 August 18      Maverick Falan  
 August 21      Joshlyn Miteg  
 August 21      Jolyn Yinmed  
 August 22      Don Miyagawa  
 August 23      Roxanne WhiteLight  
 August 25      Ryan Yatsushiro  
 August 27      Craig Bode



Worship Responsibilities for August

August 6 and 13

Minister:      Robb Kojima  
 Greeter:      Jackie Murai  
 Youth Reader: Senyor Obet  
 Adult Reader Paul Obet

August 20

Minister:      Robb Kojima  
 Greeter:      Jackie Murai  
 Youth Reader: Dorothy Nina  
 Adult Reader: Paul Obet

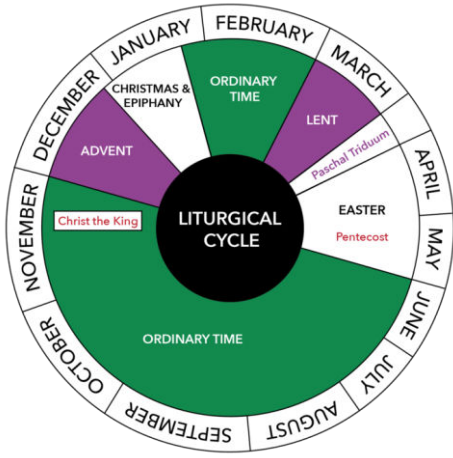
August 27

Minister:      Tim Greathouse  
 Greeter:      James Morrison  
 Youth Reader: Dorothy Nina  
 Adult Reader: James Morrison

Aloha Hour

Maybelle Hashizume  
 Etawi

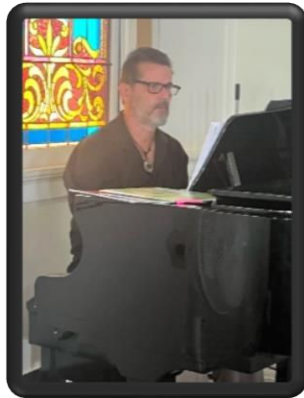




For reference. A few weeks agog Pastor Robb talked about the Liturgical Church Calendar. Here it is to give you a visual and hopefully more understanding into the colors on the alter and minister stole.

The liturgy, in summary, is a celebration of the work of Jesus' paschal mystery—from his death on the cross to his ascension into heaven—whereby God the Father is perfectly glorified and mankind and all of creation are sanctified.

Adding to our morning worship in July and August with his piano skills was Christophe Javon



Leading our worship, prayer, music and song in July and August was Pastor Robb Kojima Mahalo



July 15, 2023

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

I want to expand a bit about what Rev. Roxanne mentioned a couple of weeks ago and provide an update on things with me. I am happy to report to you that on Saturday, July 15, 2023, at the Federation of Christian Ministries Circle of Directors' meeting in Cleveland, OH, I was presented as a candidate for commissioning (their word for ordination) by Rev. Daniel Windham, Southwest Regional Vice President. After reviewing my transcripts, letters of reference from ministry partners, and my statement of faith, there was a unanimous vote by the Circle of Directors, and I received my commissioning (ordination) to the Ministry. I have been a member in good standing with the Federation of Christian Ministries for the past year.

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Vision Statement:

FCM envisions a future in which inclusive ministry transforms society.

Core Values:

Belonging, Compassion, Empowerment, Equality, Mindful Living

In Christ,  
Tim

(This is just a small part of Tim's complete letter which explains what his future plans include. To request a full transcript, please email Tim at: [tgreathouse108@gmail.com](mailto:tgreathouse108@gmail.com))



The worshipping community, consisting of Dawna Krueger, Jaime Ribao, Shannon Ribao, Carolyn Kamodi and Susan King, pose with Pastor Roxanne Whitlight. Pastor is taking time off for relaxation, rest, recuperation, and travel, We will miss her filling our pulpit over the last year and assisting with many other phases of our church life. Safe travels for you and Ruth and enjoy this time of rest.



**And Happy Birthday!**



So, why is there scaffolding outside the sanctuary? Follow the blue arrow and find the black dot. It is a light fixture with a burned-out lightbulb! No ladder long enough but never fear B&G to the rescue. And once again, our altar is filled with light.



Not as sad as the fires, but still sad. The beloved Ulu tree had to come down. Like the trees that used to stand on the area just below the upper parking lot, it became dangerous. The fruit was falling into the Preschool causing damage to



toys and equipment (luckily not yet to children.) Fruit would fall and rot. Strangers would climb it for the fruit, sometimes stripping it and leaving none for others. And the hill it was growing on was beginning to erode and its would soon be uncovered.





## What's Happening with Frosty POG?

A couple of decades ago, IAO UCC investigated a new income opportunity in conjunction with the Maui County Fair. With the help of friends from Maui Soda and Ice Works, a new beverage was created, and the Church Council decided to undertake a new product for sale at the fair. Avis Wong suggested the name "Frosty Pog" and the rest is history!

The name "Frosty Pog" is a registered trademark with the State of Hawaii and IAO UCC has been blessed to have had wonderful financial success over the years. The many volunteers made this possible. We were fortunate that the Maui community fell in love with this new beverage. Maui Soda and Ice Works and Meadow Gold supported us from the start, and we maintained our loyalty to their products as we produced our signature Frosty Pog.

We look forward to the next Maui Fair with great anticipation. We also look forward to the support of our members, families and friends as we envision the next phase of our Frosty Pog adventure!



This photo is from the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Ladies Lunch Bunch. If you look closely at the far end, is Lynette Shiroma. We were so so very happy to see her.. Prayers **do** get answered. She walked up the ramp as well as up and down the stairs! Also joining us that day was a friend from the morning pool group and Maybelle's neighbor Jan.



Susan King, Food Pantry Chief extraordinaire, shows the certificate of appreciation presented to IAO UCC. In an attached letter they thanked us for 6 years of our partnership to meet the rising needs of our community. In the past year IAO has distributed 64,600 pounds of food.

A client donated this foldable wagon to help transport food. We want to thank this family for their generosity.

Mark your calendars now. August group met, but no pictures.

Please take this as your reminder for September Lunch Bunch get-together **SEPTEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> 11:30 until pau.**





**From the preschool:** As July brings an end to the 2022-23 school year, the preschool was filled with special guests, fun surprises and days filled with extra special activities.

They had a family donate a jumping castle with a slide. The children enjoyed jumping and sliding into the small pool! We also played bubbles and sprinklers! It was a fun water play summer day!!

One of the special guests to visit was the book mobile librarian. She shared some favorite stories, sang some songs, and gifted us with a book *My Kalo Has Lau, Big and Green*.



July 9<sup>th</sup> brought lao's Congregation and IPS together for a special Sunday service and potluck. The sermon that day shared by Dawna Krueger, was that if you just try accepting God's love, you to will have love and peace, enough to share.

**JUST TRY IT!**



Our youth reader, Evan Akitaki-Hill. IPS alumni.



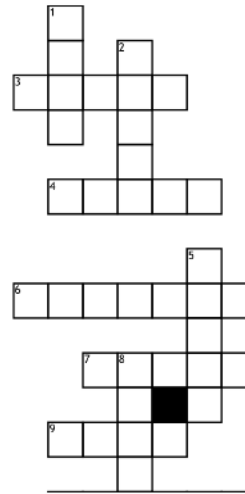
The staff, children, and parents who participated in worship with us and enjoyed the potluck that followed.

Seems impossible but the last day of school brought fun and laughter for keiki and staff!



Hamburger and hot dog crew

## GENESIS



**Across**

- 3. servant given to Abraham to bear a child
- 4. agrees to give his daughter away in marriage after seven years of work
- 6. wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob and Esau
- 7. only daughter of Jacob and Leah
- 9. hairy twin that sells his birthright to his brother for a bowl of stew

- 10. the second wife of Jacob and mother of Joseph and Benjamin

**Down**

- 1. Wife of Jacob, mother of Judah and Levi
- 2. son of Isaac and Rebekah, brother of Esau
- 5. she is barren and her maid Hagar have her children
- 8. Abraham's son with Sarah

### Names from The Old Testament

E	M	J	A	C	O	B	H	E	S	T	H	E	R
M	A	N	B	O	L	A	E	E	S	A	U	E	L
A	I	A	U	I	E	I	I	D	A	N	I	E	L
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- GIDEON
- ABRAHAM
- ADAM
- DANIEL
- JEREMIAH
- EZEKIEL
- METHUSELAH
- AARON
- RACHEL
- NOAH
- JACOB
- RUTH
- JOSEPH
- REBEKAH
- ESAU
- JOB
- ISAIAH
- MIRIAM
- SAMUEL
- ESTHER

Play this puzzle online at : <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/529/>

## Food for Thought

Submitted by Katherine Hashiro, served at lao and IPS potluck.

### Spinach Casserole

- 2 boxes frozen spinach or broccoli
- 1 carton fresh mushrooms (sliced)
- 1 small onion diced.
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cheddar cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten.
- 1 can crescent rolls for crust

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Thaw and drain frozen spinach. In a large bowl mix spinach with all the other ingredients except the crescent rolls. In a 9X13 pan lay out crescent rolls to form a crust.

Pour spinach mixture in pan and bake for 30 minutes. Optional-Top with crushed crackers or breadcrumbs Bake 50-55 minutes





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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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This is an abbreviated edition of the lao Pepa. If you would like more information about the activities of this church, please call the office number listed above or email your request.

Mahalo

