

3rd Sunday of Easter – April 18, 2021 – 8:30am & 10:30am

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles (pre-lit)

Gathering Music - Stephen Bullard

A Word of Greeting and Welcome ~ Ainise Isama'u

Centering Words - Ainise Isama'u

For all who lose sight of hope, adjust our perspective, catch our eye, and touch us, Risen Savior, with your surprising presence.

Opening Hymn* - (8:30) "For the Beauty of the Earth" Amy Higa

(10:30) "Great Are You Lord" Devotion Band

Giving God Glory As We Come To Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader P: People)- Donna Iwatsuru-Iki

L: Fill us with the power of your resurrection.

P: We are your Easter people, filled with your love.

L: Transform us into Christlikeness.

P: We are your image bearers, filled with your peace.

L: Direct our steps, words, and mission.

P: We are your adopted children, filled with your Spirit.

Opening Prayer Donna Iwatsuru-Iki

Let us bow our heads. Holy God, we give thanks that you often reveal yourself to be different from our expectations. Surprise us here in this place. Wrap us in your Spirit and light as our lives are transformed into true image bearers of your Son. Meet us here with the resurrection power found in you. Amen

Message for the Children (In Us All) Ki Choi

Choral Anthem – (8:30) "For the Healing of the Nations" Crossroads

Special Music- (10:30) "Refiner's Fire" NJAUMC Virtual Camp Band

The Word of God for the people of God

Scripture Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7

Allison Mark

¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷ Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: The Word of God for all people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon: ~ "Like a Baby Bear"

Eric Iki

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Eric Iki

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Respond to God's grace

Offering Our Gifts ~

Ainise Isama'u

***Offertory – Prayer of Dedication**

Let us bow our heads. Generous God, you put love into human form in Jesus, who lived, died, and was raised to eternal life. Receive now these offerings, that your grace may live today through the work of your church. We offer these gifts with our time, our commitment and our love, that the world may witness, without doubt, that Christ is alive today. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith In Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC –

Allison Mark

Commission and Blessings * -

Eric Iki

Closing Hymn* ~ (8:30) "Refiner's Fire"

NJAUMC Virtual Camp Band

(10:30) "Dear Younger Me"

Devotion Band

Passing of the Peace* - Postlude