

3rd Sunday of Easter – May 4, 2025 – 10:30AM

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of the Altar Candles

Prelude – *Star Wars Theme Song*

A Word of Greeting and Welcome/Centering Words – Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u The Lamb who sits on the throne of life calls us to feed his sheep and love his little ones.

Opening Hymn – “*Morning Has Broken*”UMH#145 v.1,2,3 Angela Gricar

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader, **P: People**) Stanley Pang

L: Rejoice in the Lord.

P: Praise God’s holy name.

L: Worthy is the Lamb of our praise.

P: Worthy is the righteous one of blessing, honor, and glory.

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Opening Prayer Stanley Pang Lord of Life, you meet us on the road, challenge our prejudices, and upend of our lives. Remove the scales from our eyes – that we may see the breadth of your love, the diversity of the ones we are called to love, and the joy of extending your welcome. Fill us with your Spirit, that we might love one another as our shepherd loves us. Amen.

Message for the Children (In Us All) Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u

The Word of God for the People of God

Scripture Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14 Stanley Pang

11 Then I looked, and I heard the sound of many angels surrounding the throne, the living creatures, and the elders. They numbered in the millions—thousands upon thousands. **12** They said in a loud voice,

“Worthy is the slaughtered Lamb
to receive power, wealth, wisdom, and might,
and honor, glory, and blessing.”

13 And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea—I heard everything everywhere say,

“Blessing, honor, glory, and power
belong to the one seated on the throne
and to the Lamb
forever and always.”

14 Then the four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

L: The Word of God for All people

P: Thanks be to God

Sermon – “Worthy is the Lamb: Resistance in Worship and a New Hope” Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer/Lord’s Prayer – Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God’s Grace

Celebration of Holy Communion – Clergy Team Communion Hymns – *“Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone”* All Choirs Offering our Gifts Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u
Doxology – *“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”* UMH#94 Angela Gricar

Offertory – Prayer of Dedication Stanley Pang Great Spirit, receive the gifts from our hands this day. For you rescue us from ourselves and free us to love others, as you have loved us. After a long slumber in ignorance and fear, we offer you our gratitude for the joy that comes in the morning. Accept this offering, as a sign of our commitment, to tend to your sheep and feed your lambs.
Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u Closing Hymn – *“Because He Lives”* UMH#364 v.1,3 Angela Gricar Commission and Blessings – Rev. Allison Mark Passing of the Peace – Postlude