

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany/Human Relations Day
January 18, 2026 – 10:30A

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude – *Instrumental*

A Word of Greeting/Centering Words – Minister 'Ainise Isama'u
Even the smallest person can change the world. Even the least among us can be a light that banishes the darkness.

Opening Hymn – *How Great Thou Art UMH#77, v.1,2,4*

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

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

Jason Sasaki

L: Listen, O Coastlands.

P: Pay attention, people of God.

L: We are called to be a light to the nations.

P: We are created to sing of God's salvation.

L: Shout praise for God's faithfulness

P: Rejoice in our many gifts.

L: Come! Let us worship.

Opening Prayer

Jason Sasaki

Holy one, may our spirits be polished arrows in the quiver of your searching love. May our words ring true with shouts of praise. Use us, Gracious God, as instruments of your mercy and compassion. Fashion us into vessels of your abiding Spirit, that a world torn by brokenness and pain might touch your healing love through our fellowship with you and with one another. Amen.

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

Minister 'Ainise Isama'u

The Word of God for the People of God

Congregational Hymn – *The Summons TFWS#2130, v. 1,2,5*

Scripture Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Jason Sasaki

Listen to me, you islands;

hear this, you distant nations:

Before I was born the LORD called me;

from my mother's womb he has spoken my name.

2 He made my mouth like a sharpened sword,

in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me into a polished arrow

and concealed me in his quiver.

3 He said to me, “You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will display my splendor.”

4 But I said, “I have labored in vain;
I have spent my strength for nothing at all.
Yet what is due me is in the LORD’s hand,
and my reward is with my God.”

5 And now the LORD says—
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant
to bring Jacob back to him
and gather Israel to himself,
for I am^[a] honored in the eyes of the LORD
and my God has been my strength—

6 he says:
“It is too small a thing for you to be my servant
to restore the tribes of Jacob
and bring back those of Israel I have kept.
I will also make you a light for the Gentiles,
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.”

7 This is what the LORD says—
the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—
to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation,
to the servant of rulers:
“Kings will see you and stand up,
princes will see and bow down,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

L: The word of God for all People.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music – *Say It Loud*, arr. Hayes

Faith Praise & Choir Band

Sermon – *We Are the Ones We’ve Been Waiting For*

Rev. Allison Mark

Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Allison Mark

We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering our Gifts –

Rev. Allison Mark

Offertory – *Awesome God* TFWS#2040

Doxology – *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* UMH#95

Prayer of Dedication

Jason Sasaki

God of Grace and God of Glory, you bless us with water and the Spirit, that we might know the fullness of life. As we strive to be a light to the nations, may others be brought to the dawn of your glory. Bless the gifts we bring before you now, that they might reach the very ends of the earth and help those struggling to find the light. Amen.

Going Forth in God's Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC

Rev. Allison Mark

Closing Hymn – *We Are Marching TFWS#2235b, v.1, 2x*

Commission and Blessings

Rev. Allison Mark

Passing of the Peace – Postlude