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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

State Council of Hawaiian Congregational Churches

*“‘Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka”
“Feast of Tears”*



“Discerning God’s Path as a Community of the Faithful”

Romans 12:2

Thursday, June 15, 2023

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KA WEHE 'ANA
THE CALL

(Adapted from *Hawaiian Antiquities*, David Malo)
Uluwehi Sai & Aileen Trout

Ulu: *Nā 'Aumākua mai ka lā hiki a ka lā kau*
Mai ka ho'oku'i a ka halawai
Nā 'Aumākua iā Kahinakua iā Kahina'alo
Iā ka'a 'ākau i ka lani
O kīhā i ka lani
'Owē i ka lani
Nunulu i ka lani
Kāholo i ka lani

Aileen: Ancestors from the rising to the setting sun
From the zenith to the horizon
Ancestors who stand at our back and front
You who stand at our right hand
A breathing in the heavens
An utterance in the heavens
A clear ringing voice in the heavens
A voice reverberating in the heavens.

Ulu: *Eia nā pulapula a 'oukou 'o ka po'e Hawai'i*
E mālama 'oukou ia mākou
E ulu i ka lani
E ulu i ka honua
E ulu i ka pae 'āina o Hawai'i

Aileen: Here are your descendants, the people of Hawai'i
Safeguard us
That we may flourish in the heavens
That we may flourish on earth
That we may flourish throughout Hawai'i

Ulu: *E hō mai i ka 'ike*
E hō mai i ka ikaika
E hō mai i ke akamai
E hō mai i ka maopopo pono
E hō mai i ka 'ike pāpālua
E hō mai i ka mana

Aileen: Grant us knowledge
Grant us strength
Grant us intelligence
Grant us understanding
Grant us insight
Grant us power

KA KĀHEA
GREETING

Haunani Pacheco

We gather this day as God's people
conscious of those who have died
and of how fragile our existence is here on earth.
We come to this moment
to comfort and to support one another
in our common loss.
We gather to hear God's word of hope
that can drive away our despair
and move us to offer God our praise.
We commend to God with thanksgiving
the lives of those who have gone before us,
for whether we live or whether we die
we belong to Christ who is Lord
both of the dead and of the living.

It is God who has made us, and we are God's,
we are God's people,
and the sheep of God's pasture.

KA HĪMĒNI
The Hymn

“Iesū No Ke Kahuhipa”
SCHCC Officers

*Ie - sū no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa maika 'i e,
E - ia mā - kou. ka 'o - ha - na, Ke ho 'o - lo - he a ha - hai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, A - la - ka 'i a hā - nai mai.*

*Ka 'i mā - li - e 'ia mā - kou la, Ma na ka - ha - wai ma - ka 'i
Ma na ku - la u - li - u - li, Ka - hi ma - lu e ma - lu ai;
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai,
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ki - a 'i a ho 'o ma - lu mai,*

*Mai ho 'o - ku 'u i kou 'o - ha - na, 'O 'au - wa - na i o i 'a ne 'i,
Ma na wa - hi ho 'o - hi - hi - a, Ma na wao - na - he - le e.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pā mai ka 'i.
E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, Ho 'o - pa 'a mā - kou pā mai ka 'i*

HO'OHALI'A
Service of Remembrance

Kealahou Alika

The “*Aha 'Āina Wai Maka*” or “Feast of Tears” was traditionally celebrated by our *kupuna* to mark the first anniversary of a person's death. It was the understanding of our *kupuna* That tears were initially shed at the time of a person's death because of the sorrow of losing a loved one.

Tears were also shed during the “‘*Aha ‘Āina Wai Maka.*” However, the tears that were shed were tears primarily of joy – joy because for loved ones, there is no more pain or suffering, even death itself has passed. But there is still the pain of the loss we all share.

HALI‘A ALOHA
Cherished Memories

Laurie Kauleināmoku, Haunani Pacheco, Uluwehi Sai, Aileen Trout,
Joanne Kishimori, Debbie Wong Yuen, Clem Malani & Ka‘iulani Hess

Laurie: We come to this moment holding within our hearts and minds cherished memories of those who have gone before us. We give thanks that *Ke Akua* knows each one by name as we have known them.

Bishop William W. How was born in England in 1823. He died in Ireland in 1897. He was three years old when the first mission company of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions arrived in Kailua, Kona. He was called both the “poor man’s bishop” and “the children’s bishop” for his work among the poor and among factory workers. He wrote the lyrics to the hymn, “For all the Saints, who from their labors rest.”

**Kealahou: For all the saints, who from their labors rest
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless’d. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Haunani: From the island of Kaua‘i:

Uluwehi: From the island of Moloka‘i

Aileen: From the island of Maui:

**Kealahou: Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
‘mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Joanne: From the island of O‘ahu:

**Kealahou: Oh, bless’d communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Debbie: From the island of Hawai‘i, West Hawai‘i

Clem: From the island of Hawai‘i, East Hawai‘i

Ka‘iulani: For Others who have been a part of our State Council ‘ohana:

KA HĪMENI

The Hymn

“Imi I Ke Kahu”
SCHCC Officers

*‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, Ka - hu a - la - ka ‘i,
Ko - mo ma ka pu - ka o ka pa mai - ka ‘i
Ma - lu no ma - lo - ko pa - le - kau a nō,
Ko - mo mai a ma - lu mau.*

Hui: *‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, ‘I - mi a - no no.
‘I - mi ia Ie - sū la, Ka - hu mai - ka ‘i mau,
‘I - mi i ke Ka - hu, Mai au - wa - na e,
Ku - a - no la a ha - hai.*

*Ku a hea ke Ka - hu, Ka - hu a - ka - hai,
Lo - he i ko - na le - o, ko - mo ko - ke. a ‘e.
La - ko i na pono, kei ka po - mai - ka ‘i
Ko - mo mai a ma - lu mau. (Hui)*

HĀMAU

A Moment of Silence

Keoki Kiwaha

In a moment of silence, we remember our ancestors who stand in back and in front of us – from the rising to the setting sun – we remember all the days and months and years in between when babies were born and children grew up; when others committed themselves to one another and when loved ones and friends among us came to the end of their earthly lives; when others moved away to new places and others returned home.

We recognize and we celebrate these times of passage, of endings and new beginnings even now as we share this time of *aloha* and give thanks for the many ways in which we were able to become a part of each other’s lives. We give thanks that we have been able to discern God’s path through the community of the faithful who have gone before us.

KA PULE

A Prayer

Frank Mulec

E pule kākou. Let us pray: We praise you, O God, for your steadfast *aloha* for those who have gone before us, for all the days of their earthly lives.

God of our ancestors, we give thanks for those who have lived among us. We lift our prayer of thanksgiving to you.

Grant us your peace and keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge of your love made known to us in Christ Jesus, our risen Savior. “Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.” (*Hebrews 12:1-2*)

Mahalo ke Akua. Thanks be to God. Amen.

KA PULE HO‘OKU‘U

Benediction

Debbie Wong Yuen

KA HO‘OPAU ‘ANA
The Postlude

“E Aloha Mai” (Numbers 6:24-26)
SCHCC Officers

E alo - ha mai, ke A - kua iā mā - kou a'e ho 'o - mai - ka 'i mai ho 'i
(The Lord bless you and keep you;)

iā mā - kou, a'e ho 'o - mā - la -ma -la - ma mai ko - na ma - ka iā mā - kou.
(the Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you;)

kona ma - ka iā mā - kou, kona maka iā mā - kou.
(the Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.)