

**Service of Commemoration and Remembrance
On the 150th Anniversary of the First Patients Sent to Kalaupapa**

Note: On January 6, 2016, patients, families and friends held commemoration and remembrance ceremonies on nearly every island and on Kalaupapa to mark the 150th anniversary of the first twelve people sent to Kalaupapa. Other observances of the 150th anniversary will take place through 2016. The following order of worship was created by Ka`iulani Hess, member of Kawaiaha`o Church and Ka `Ohana O Kalaupapa, an advocacy and support group for the patients of Kalaupapa. It can stand alone as a service of remembrance or be incorporated into a Sunday worship service.

Opening Sentence: Psalm 137:1-4

One: By the rivers of Babylon, we sat down and wept when we remembered Zion, our home, so far away.

All: On the branches of the willow trees, we hung our harps and hid our hearts from the enemy.

One: There our captors asked us for songs, and our tormentors asked for mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!"

All: How could we sing the Lord's song in a foreign land?

Hymn or Song

"Himani O Kalaupapa" (Na Himani Haipule Hawai`i 229; Na Himani O Ka Ekalesia 138)

Scripture: John 9:1-17

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, 'Go, wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, 'Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?' Some were saying, 'It is he.' Others were saying, 'No, but it is someone like him.' He kept saying, 'I am the man.' But they kept asking him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, "Go to Siloam and wash." Then I went and washed and received my sight.' They said to him, 'Where is he?' He said, 'I do not know.'

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, 'He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.' Some of the Pharisees said, 'This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.' But others said, 'How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?' And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, 'What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.' He said, 'He is a prophet.'

Words of Remembrance

"On January 6, 1866, J.N. Loe boarded the small sailing schooner *Warwick*, bound for the north shore of the island of Molokai. With him were eight men, three women, and a small boy whom they hid in their midst. *Loe, Kahauliko, Līlīi, Puha, Kini, Lono, Waipio, Kainana, Kaaumoana, Nahuina, Lakapu and Kepihe* were the first of an estimated eight thousand people who, over the next century, would be deprived of their rights, their families, their communities, and the lands of their birth because they were said to have leprosy. The small boy was one of four or five family members on board the *Warwick* that day. They were the first in a long line of mea kokua—people who helped, people who comforted, people who resisted the isolation policies by refusing to allow those who were sick to be sent away alone" (Anwei Skinsnes Law, *Kalaupapa, A Collective Memory*, University of Hawai`i Press, 2012, p.3).

Recitation of Names

Family and friends may say aloud the names of loved ones who were sent to Kalaupapa.

Prayers