Opening Worship Service
California-Pacific Annual Conference of
The United Methodist Church
Friday, June 19, 2020 – 10:00 AM (PST)
“We Are Believers”

Blowing the Pu
Ms. Latu Mafoa’aeata
First UMC of Honolulu

Greeting
Rev. Tom Choi
First UMC of Honolulu

Aloha Kakahiaka! Malo ‘E Lelei! Bula Vinaka! Good morning! I greet you in the worship languages of the First UMC of Honolulu – Hawaiian, Tongan, Fijian, and English. Welcome to our Opening Worship for the 2020 California-Pacific Annual Conference Session. Please take a moment to pause and prepare your heart, mind, and soul for this time of giving our thanks and praise to God.

Call to Worship
Ms. Helena Ogle
First UMC of Honolulu

Leader: Bonjour, mes amis. God’s grace abounds, even in uncertain times.
People: The whole world awaits the Good News of God’s grace, mercy, and healing touch.
Leader: Surely God is present in our midst as we gather today.
People: We will be refreshed by the Holy Spirit, and strengthened by the bonds of fellowship and friendship that we share.
Leader: Christ’s resurrection brings hope to all people!
People: Together we will stand on the solid rock of Christ’s teachings and example.
Leader: Come, let us sing our praise to the glory of God!

Opening Song
"Glory, Glory, Lord"
First UMC of Honolulu Pancakes and Praise Band

Opening Prayer
Ms. Kim Houff
First UMC of Honolulu

Most Holy God, thank you for drawing us near to you as we begin our time of conferencing together. In faith, we are stepping into new and unfamiliar territory; meeting by Zoom, voting by computer, and discerning your will without the luxury of sitting side-by-side in the University Chapel. As we move forward these next two days, we will be relying on your guidance and trusting in the process, so that the work of your church may be done. In moments of frustration, bestow your patience upon us. In times of uncertainty, shed your light on the proceedings. When mistakes are made, grant us good humor. And when things go smoothly, let our rejoicing be heard in heaven. Yet most of all, loving God, train our focus to remain on you. May everything we say and do glorify you. For we pray all this in your son’s name. Amen.

Introduction to the Conference Theme and Scripture
Rev. Janet Cromwell
West Los Angeles UMC
**Scripture Reading**
Acts 4:1-37 (NRSV)  
Rev. Julie Elkins, Coordinator,  
Mr. Josh Lopez-Reyes, Rev. Allison Mark,  
Mr. Adam Marshall-Lopez, Rev. Jeania Ree Moore,  
and Rev. Gary Williams

**Hymn**
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”  
United Methodist Hymnal #452  
Dr. Lloyd Mallory & Lloyd Mallory Singers  
Guest Artists & Friends of Inglewood First UMC

**Benediction**
Rev. Linita Moa  
First UMC of Honolulu  
As we close this time of worship and prepare for the tasks that lay ahead, may the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, for we are the church. Amen.

**Closing Song**
“We Are The Church”  
United Methodist Hymnal #558  
Inglewood First UMC & Friends

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