ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2026 7:30am and 10:00am

Aloha and Welcome!

Whoever you are, whatever your story, you are welcome here. We pray that your soul is nourished through worship, the beauty of this sacred space, and the presence of God's love within this community.

We are blessed to have you join us for worship today!

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Holy Eucharist

Prelude (*Take this time to center your hearts for worship.)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn *All hail the power of Jesus' Name* **Hymnal 1982, #450**

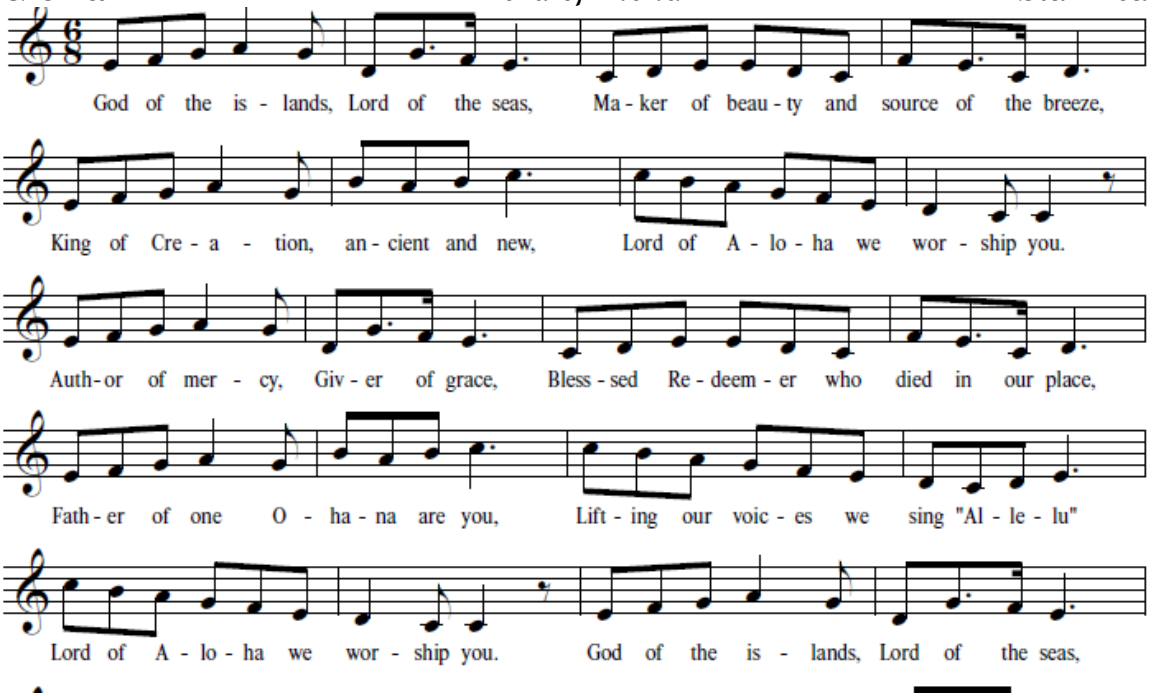
The Word of God

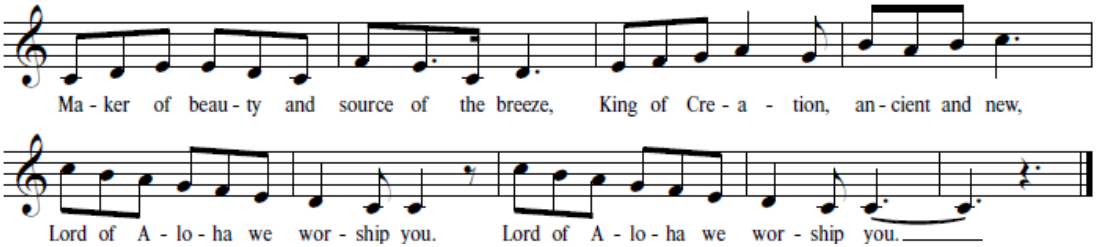
Presider Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.
People **And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Gloria *Lord of Aloha* Stan Beard





The Lessons

The First Reading **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm **Psalm 26:1-81**

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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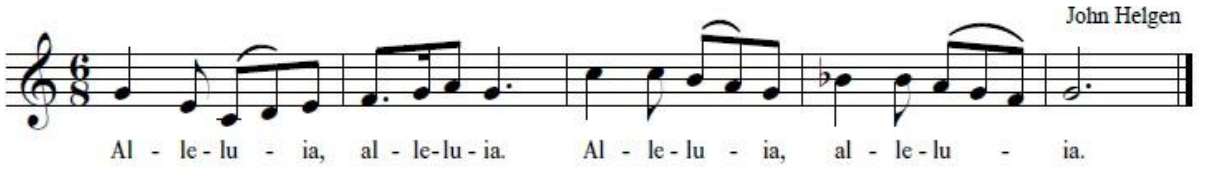
(*Sung before and after the Gospel)*



The Holy Gospel **Matthew 16:21-28**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon **The Rev. Ruth Peterson**

Music Meditation (7:30am) **Manny Dayao**
(10:00am) **Dr. Joseph Eppink**

<u>Nicene Creed</u>

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

After each petition, the response is "receive our prayer."

Confession and Absolution,

Presider: Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy,

Minister and People **we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Give a nod, a wave, or a peace sign to those around you. The sharing of The Peace takes place as we prepare to receive communion. It is a sign of reconciliation, of the forgiveness we receive in Christ and that which we extend to one another with God's help.

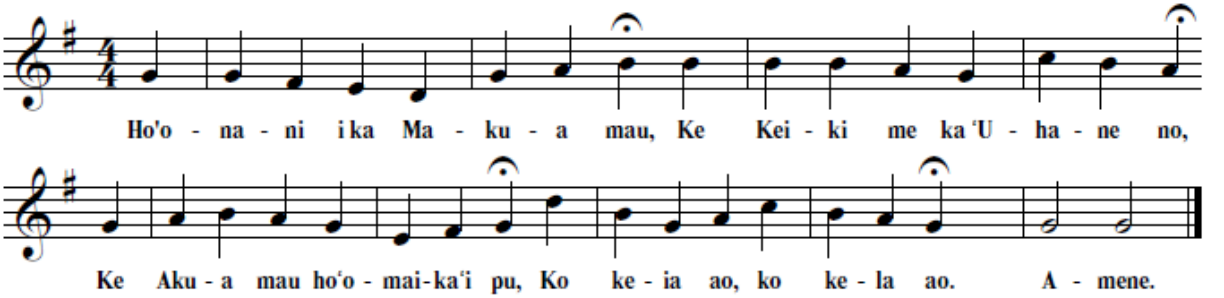
Announcements and Birthdays (pg. 830, #50)

Welcome to those of you who are visiting with us today! Please take a moment to sign a pew card and place it in the offering plate so that we can extend a personal welcome to you. We are glad you're here!

Offering *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. (Eph. 5:2)*

Offertory Hymn *Take up your cross* **Hymnal 1982, #675**

Offertory Response *Hawaiian Doxology*

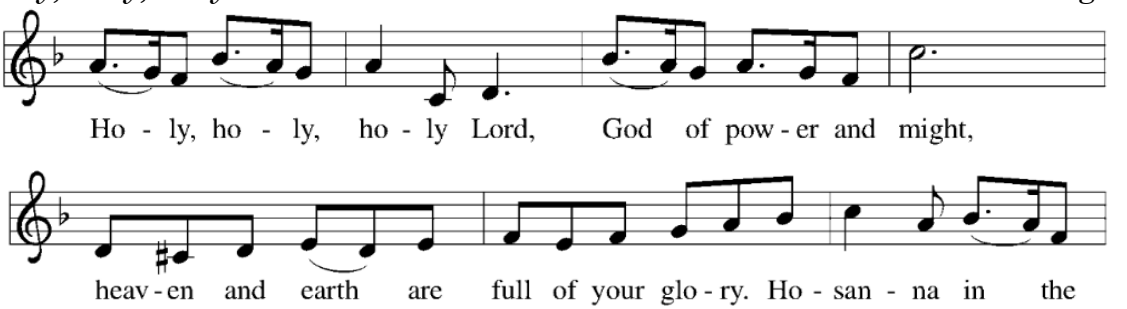


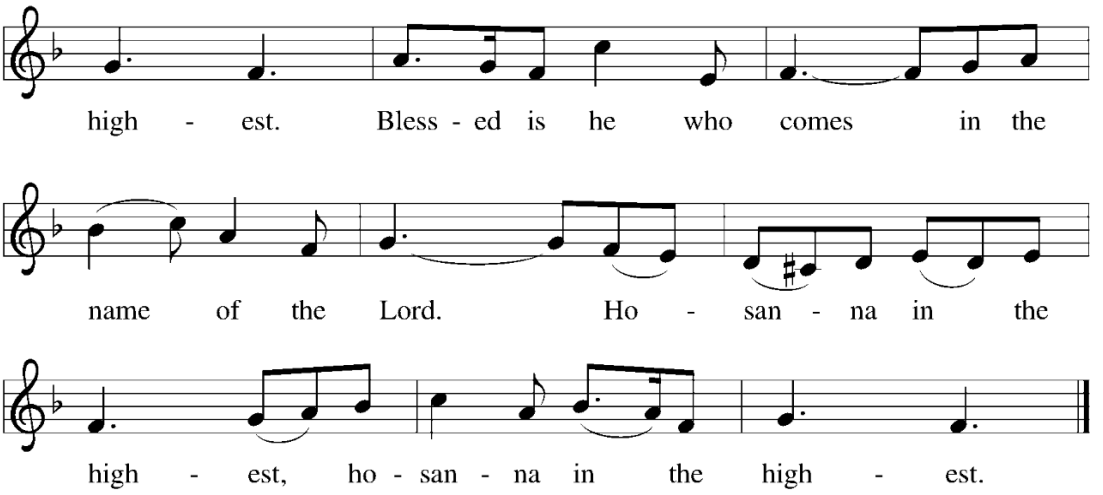
The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer from *Enriching Our Worship*

Presider: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Presider: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant……lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing…

Holy, Holy, Holy *Harling*





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The Presider continues.
Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God……Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one Bread.**

Communion Distribution

All baptized are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood. Those who are not baptized are encouraged to come forward for a blessing, signaling this by crossing your arms over one's chest.
Communion may be received by kneeling or standing at the altar rail.

Low gluten wafers are available upon request of the server.
You may partake from the cup by drinking or by intinction (dipping a small Portion of the bread, being careful not to touch the wine with your fingers).
If you wish to receive communion in the pew, please let an usher know.
For those joining by live-stream or watching online at a later time, although you are not physically receiving communion, you are invited to spend this time in prayer, acknowledging your desire to be wholly united with Jesus and for your soul to never be separated from him.

Post Communion Prayer *(Standing or kneeling)*

Presider: Let us pray.

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn *Let streams of living justice* **See page 14**

The Dismissal

Presider: Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please call or email Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com if you have a prayer request. Always ask permission of the person first if you want to add someone's name other than your own. Be sure to provide the church office with updates. Names added by members will remain on our prayer list for one month. After that time, the names will be cycled off the list, unless there is a request for the name to be added for another month. Ron B., Val B., Joe & Kathleen C., Rosie C., Eduardo C., Peter D., Jean D., Dallis F.N., Gail F-S., Catherine F., Debbie H., Iris, Sue J., Jonathan, Judy & Maurice, Sim K., Elise K., Gerald K., Hilary K., Roland K., Pauline K., Aggy K.,Charles L., Erin L.,

Colin L., Bill McK., Lea M., Harry M., Dara N., Lloyd N., Carolyn N., Natalia P., Ralph P., Franklin P., Rodney P., Janet P., Sheri P-H., Rev. Mary P., Patricia S., Ediza T., Terrence, Jackson VM., Janet VM., Roland W., Ian W., Roy W., Suzie W., Lynette Y., Jan Y., Tim Y., the family of Jonathan Carr who died last week.

We also pray for the victims of war in the Middle East, Ukraine, the floodings in Nepal, wildfires and flooding on the continent. If you are interested in providing intentional prayers for those on our prayer list and others for whom we pray, become part of the Prayer Circle. Please contact Tiare Ono, tiare.h.ono@gmail.com or the church office.

TODAY

Children's Christian Adventure (Sunday School) is held between the 7:30am and 10:00am services in the Adventure Room - See ushers for directions.

Electronic Giving - You can give to St. Peter's Church electronically with this QR code or schedule your pledge for automatic withdrawal by going to the church's website, www.stpetershonolulu.org, and clicking on "Donate." You may also mail your offerings and pledges to the church office. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mahalo Nui Loa to everyone who came out yesterday to help polish and clean the Sanctuary!

Faith in Action: <u>Human Trafficking in Hawaii & Our Call to Respond</u>
Today we welcome Veronica Lamb from *Establish Hawaii,* an organization that works with victims of Human Trafficking here in Hawaii, to share about the presentation which will take place on Sept. 20th in the Sanctuary following the 10:00 service. You don't have to be an expert to make a difference. You can learn to recognize vulnerability, respond safely, and walk alongside people impacted by exploitation. We will gather in the Parish Hall after the presentation for a potluck. Please plan to be present for this important conversation.

Are you curious about what life was like for those who immigrated from China to Hawaii in the late 1800's? St Peter's, St Mary's and St Elizabeth are hosting an event on Sunday, October 11th in our Parish Hall of a very moving and important presentation. Following the presentation, everyone is invited to the Parish Hall for a time of conversation and food.

ST PETER'S IS HAVING A GRUBBY SUNDAY (or two...)! It has been a number of years since the Parish Hall and Kitchen have had a good deep cleaning and as we

prepare for the events in November surrounding the Ordination of the next Bishop (it is rumored that we will be asked to host some events on our campus….) the Vestry noted that we could use a fresh coat of paint on the walls (and some new baseboards, and....) We are asking everyone who is able to spend some time on **Sun., October 4 and Sun., October 18** following worship to clean, sort, paint and make our Parish Hall sparkle! Please see the newsletter for more information.

The Cathedral of St Andrew's is inviting all members of the Diocese that live on Oahu to help prepare for Bishop-Elect Libby's ordination and events surrounding it. It has been noted that the cathedral community needs help to make sure the space is ready to host the festivities. We will be holding workdays to clean and prepare the worship space. There is a link to a sign-up form **HERE** so that we have an estimate of how many volunteers to expect. Dates and times are listed below:

Thurs., September 10 from 9am-12pm
Sat., September 19 from 9am-12pm
Sat., September 26 from 9am-12pm
Tues., October 13 from 12pm-3pm
Sat., October 24 from 9am-12pm
Thurs., November 5 from 9am-12pm

Have A MOMENT WITH MUSIC: Start your morning or end your day with peace. A gentle reflection, prayer, and a hymn opens the heart to God's goodness. This week's theme is **"Take Up Your Cross."** Your 7-minute meditation is posted by 6:00 AM on Facebook and our website, and available anytime on YouTube at **@dreppink**.

🎶 **CHOIR RETURNS — WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13!** Lift your voice and join the music as our choir begins a new season of song. Rehearsal starts at **9:30 AM**, followed by singing for the **10:00 AM service**. Whether you've sung for years or are stepping in for the first time, **everyone is welcome** as we lead our community in song. For questions, contact **Joseph** at **808.397.8932** or **stpetersmusic@pm.me**.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 2, 10:00am – Weekly Bible Study by Zoom. Contact Pr. Ruth at stpetershonolulupastor@gmail.com for the link

Thurs. Sept. 3, 6:00pm - Jazz Vespers - "in person" and on church Facebook page and website

Lectionary readings for next Sunday:
Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider		The Rev. Ruth M. Peterson
Deacon		The Rev. Dcn. Peter Wu
Organist		Dr. Joseph Eppink
Pianist		Manny Dayao
Lectors	(7:30am)	Beth Chang, Chucky Nakoa
	(10:00am)	Sim Kau
Intercessor	(7:30am)	Stephanie Wight
	(10:00am)	Beez Zane
Eucharistic Ministers	(7:30am)	Hal Halvorson
	(10:00am)	Cheryl Bochentin
Usher/Greeters	(7:30am)	Fr. Frank & Norma Chun
	(10:00am)	Keith & Velma Lee, Haroldwyn Chang, Cheryl Saito, Barry Wood, Bryan Matsumoto
Live-Streaming	(7:30am)	Manny Dayao, Terry Dang Brandon Hayashi, Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa Hal Halvorson
Altar Guild		Velma Lee, Lin Chun, Haroldwyn Chang
Bread for Communion		Barton & Beth Cox

STAFF

Priest in Charge	The Reverend Ruth Peterson
Director of Music	Dr. Joseph Eppink
Lay Associate for Worship and Music	Manny Dayao
Bookkeeper	Richert Au Hoy
Sexton	Oriel Agcaoili
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Next week's Coffee Hour Hosts:
7:30am Glenn Pang, Lin Chun
10:00am Maiesha Stovall-Nakoa, Margaret Chun, Haroldwyn Chang

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THROUGH GIVE ALOHA!

Now through September 30

Our organization code is: **79022**

For the month of September, Foodland Maika'i card holders can make donations up to $249 to each of their favorite participating organizations at checkout. And St Peter's is participating! You must use your Maika'i card to make a donation. Foodland will partially match your donation. Matches in recent years have been close to 30%. Don't have a Maika'i card? No worries – you can ask for one at the register. It's easy! Just go to the Foodland checkout counter and tell them that you would like to make a donation to St. Peter's! Our code is: 79022

Last year our members contributed $5,488.
Here's how to donate at any Foodland, Sack N Save,
or Foodland Farms store checkout during the month of September:

1) Enter your Maikaʻi phone number on the keypad.
2) Tell the cashier: "I'd like to make a $_____* donation to **St. Peter's Episcopal Church**, **#79022**.

   **Customers may donate any dollar amount up to $249.*
3) Review your receipt to confirm the organization's name and donation amount is correct.
4) Place a copy of the receipt (with your name added) into the Sunday offering plate or mail a copy to the church office. This will allow the amount to be added to your giving statement.

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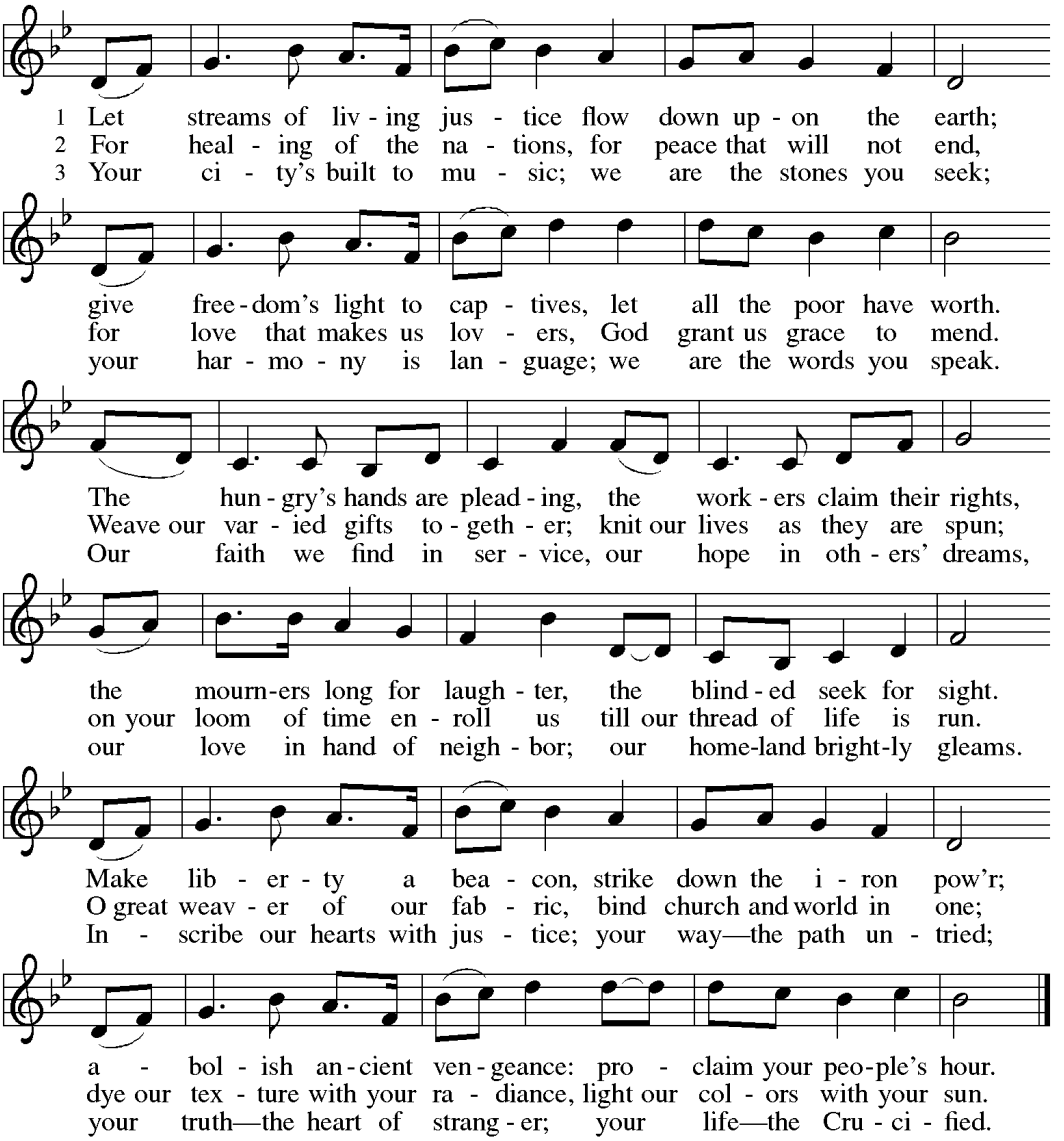
Foodland's Annual Community Matching Gifts Program

Let Streams of Living Justice



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