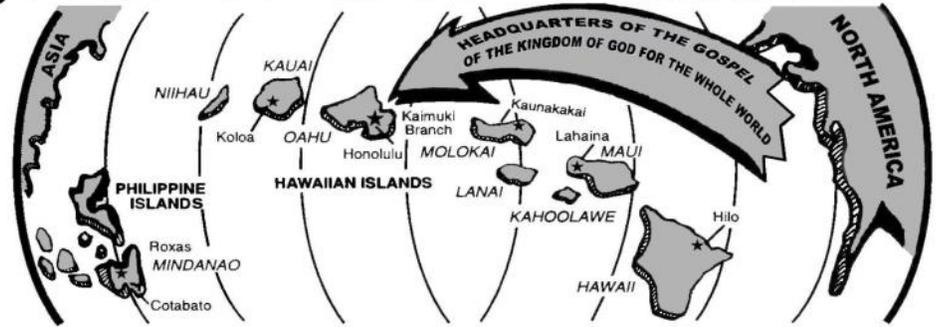


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Honolulu 121st Youth Program

SING TO THE LORD

Youth Preacher & Announcer:
Sis. Abigayle Asano

By Sis. Edith Matsuki

The Lord promised a year of Peace, Joy, and Happiness - and surely, this was fulfilled on Sunday, February 1st, at the 121st Honolulu Youth Service entitled, "Sing To The Lord." The program showcased the talents of the Youth as the glory of the Lord was manifested through them. Chosen of the Lord was Youth Announcer and Preacher, Sis. Abigayle Asano.

A musical prelude was presented by several members of the Church Band: Sis. Sierra-Lynn Han (flute), Sis. Hannah Asano (cello), and Bro. Isaac (baritone). Under the direction of Sis. Kristie Han, this group provided a taste of the exciting things to come.

The day was indeed blessed of the Lord, as His little lambs rendered their praises unto Him. The Sunday School Department, under the direction of Sis. Sierra-



Head Pastor Billy Han, Jr. and Youth Preacher/Youth Announcer Sis. Abigayle Asano.

Lynn Han, presented their song, "High and Low." The lyrics of the song proclaimed, "Sing it high, sing it low, sing it absolutely everywhere I go!" The Youth Choir, under the direction of Sis. Tiare Somers, presented their songs, "When We Sing To The Lord" and "Sing, Sing, Sing Alleluia." The Youth Orchestra, under the direction of Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr., presented their songs, "Sing His Praise" and "When Jesus Returns For His Own." Also under the direction of Associate Pastor Timothy Han, Sr., an ukulele ensemble, consisting of Bro. Isaac, Sis. Abigayle Asano, and Bro. Isai-

ah Asano, presented their number, "Sing To The Lord." Under the direction of Sis. Rose Pohaku Carter, Bro. Noah Riemer presented a vocal solo, "He Started The Whole World Singing." The Young Crusaders, under the direction of Sis. Kristie Han, presented the

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The Sunday School Youth Orchestra

JOYFUL ANTICIPATION FOR JERUSALEM

By Kauai Pastor Leonard K. Y. Asano, Sr.



The anticipated joy for Jerusalem is Peace! Praying for the peace of Jerusalem is praying for Jesus's return to earth. His return will establish global order (*Isaiah 11:1-10*), that will give the entire earth peace through His presence. When Jesus ascended into heaven from the Mount of Olives (*Acts 1:9-11*), two men stood in white apparel and said to the awed onlookers that He will

return in like manner. They heard Jesus speaking in tongues as He ascended, unbeknownst to them, they would experience the same power and presence, ten days later at the Feast of Pentecost in Jerusalem.

To begin the Millennial Reign, Jesus will descend and set His feet once again on the Mount Olives (*Zechariah 14:4*) accompanied by a joyful 144,000 (the Bride of Christ) speaking in tongues (*Revelation 14:1-5*), who were "...caught up..." (*I Thessalonians 4:17*)! with the trump of God sounding "...Come up hither..." (*Revelation 4:1*)! Enoch, seventh from Adam, prophesied the certainty of Jesus's return with "...ten thousands of his saints" (*Jude 1:14*).

The manner in which He ascended into heaven, He will descend from Heaven. He went up in His glorified body, and will return with the same. He ascended (transformed and translated) as a glorified person and He will return as that glorified being. He was seen ascending and He will be seen descending. Clouds received Him into glory and He will return descending from the clouds. "...but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (*I John 3:2*)! His church awaits the glorious event with joyful anticipation.

The grandeur of Jerusalem originates in the Book of Genesis, occupies the scriptures through the Book of Revelation, surpassing prophesied end times, and reigns in the kingdom of God for eternity. Jerusalem's significance and grandeur is not based on physical beauty, but completely and solely on its ties to God, thus noted as the Holy City, City of Peace, and City of the Living God (*Revelation 21:2*). Jerusalem is the holiest city on the earth, the jewel of the earth, and the crown of heaven. It is designed, recognized, and whose builder and Maker is God (*Hebrews 1:10*). No other city can make claims to such an exceptional origin. David, the King of Israel, requested believers to "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem..." (*Psalms 122:6*) and by doing so a blessing from God follows. In these perilous times, global peace is elusive, intangible, and more so unattainable. Mankind has

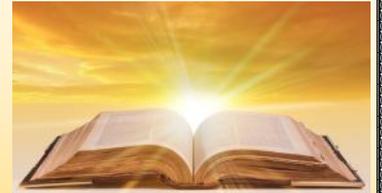
sanitized God from its conversations. Only Jesus can and will establish lasting and perfect peace upon the earth (*Isaiah 26:2-3*). Essentially, the global wellbeing hinges on the consummation of prophecies, when time emerges with eternity, and Jerusalem becomes the capital of the entire earth.

Humanism cannot provide the peace Jesus provides! Real peace comes from God because He embodies all the characteristics of peace. To find peace, one must make peace with God. Therefore, "...How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things" (*Romans 10:15*)! Blessed are the messengers that bring the long-expected news of spiritual deliverance! Every sinful act is a product of man's spirit and conscience. Jesus pursues to replace the spirit in man with His Spirit. Changing the spirit changes the man! Thusly, we are saved through the purification of our conscience (*Hebrews 9:9, 14-15*), by being born again! The message to this ungodly generation, "Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God" (*John 3:5*). The saving of the soul (sinful man) is achieved by believing in the sovereignty of Jesus Christ. Peter spoke these words of great truth, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (*Acts 2:38*). This passage unveils the "Keys to the kingdom of heaven" promised to Peter at Caesarea Philippi (*Matthew 16:19*). Peter emphasized the necessity of water baptism as, "The answer of a good conscience toward God" (*I Peter 3:20-21*). Hence, salvation hinges upon one's decision. The ministries of Holy Ghost filled preachers, offer these words of inspiration, "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (*Acts 4:12*).

We believe in the Oneness of Jesus Christ! We believe the deity consists of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost, and forming one entity. In Jesus dwells the fulness of the Godhead (*Colossians 1:19*). Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning, and the end, the first and the last, and the author and finisher of our faith (*Hebrews 12:2, Revelation 22:13*)! Having an appreciation for Jerusalem as the Holy City, our faith, hope and charity will sing out, "If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth; if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy" (*Psalms 137:6*)! Aspiring after God's goodness one can grow into His likeness. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (*Matthew 6:10*)! Jesus come quickly (*Revelation 22:20*).

HONOUR THE KING

By Head Pastor William M. Han, Jr.



President's Day is celebrated and observed on the third Monday of February every year. It is a time that we can reminisce on past Presidents' actions and words spoken, that have helped to shape this great nation America, in which we live. We may form our own opinions of each President both past and present, but it is history that judges or vindicates their actions as to whether or not

they have governed well.

Men, such as George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and John F. Kennedy, to name a few, knew full well that, "...For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more" (Luke 12:48). These men of great renown had great faith, professed and believed that God and His *Words* were and would continue to be the beacon and guiding light of this great nation. George Washington was quoted as saying, "It is impossible rightly to govern the world without God and the *Bible*."

The *Word of God*, teaches us that it is our duty to obey the laws of the land, to honor the leaders of this nation, as well as our local leaders here in our home state of Hawaii. We may praise, criticize, or be in strong opposition to our leaders' decisions, but we are taught to pray for and respect our leaders.

Paul in his epistle or letter to Timothy wrote, "*I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth*" (I Timothy 2:1-4).

The Apostle Peter, for our learning and exhortation, wrote by the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, "*Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men*" (I Peter 2:13-15).

Of course it is human nature to disagree with actions, policies, and the like, given by our leaders, but we are reminded, "*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be*

are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Romans 13:1, 2). God has a master plan that we are unable to comprehend. God spoke of this thru the prophet Isaiah, "*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts*" (Isaiah 55:8, 9).

Those that rule or govern, also have an obligation to their constituents and God. A description of a good and upright ruler is given by King David. "*The God of Israel said, the Rock of Israel spake to me, He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God*" (II Samuel 23:1-3). We pray that our present and future Presidents will take note and adhere to the edict given and that the Lord will save their souls, according to *Acts 2:38* and *John 3:5*.

The President of the United States of America may be the Chief Executive Officer of our great nation, but our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is Lord over all. Let us then "*Honour all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king*" (I Peter 2:17).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**82nd Anniversary
Molokai Branch Church**
Sunday, March 22, 2026
10:00 a.m.

53rd Anniversary Building Complex
(Headquarters)
Sunday, March 22, 2026

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29, 2026
10:00 a.m.



Youth soloist:
Bro. Noah Riemer

exciting number, “I’m Singing Your Praise, Lord.” The Youth Sermon, entitled “Joy Unspeakable,” proclaimed the Peace, Joy, and Happiness, that can only be found in the Lord. As we stay close to the Lord and trust and stand on His promises, our hearts will be filled with peace, hope, and purpose, for Jesus is the True Joy.

A special thanks to all who made this program an awesome success: Sis. Rose Pohaku Carter (Youth Program

Director), Sis. Roslyn Han (Sunday School Superintendent), Sis. Emilia Han (Assistant Sunday School Superintendent), Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, Sr. assisted with Youth Announcer/Preacher, Sunday School Teachers, musical selection directors, musicians, and those who helped with the theme poster and audio. Each of the 121 Youth Programs have been a blessing to all. Surely, the Lord gives us PEACE, JOY, and HAPPINESS in Him as we see our Youth blossom, for they are the Hope of the church.



Youth Choir



An ukulele ensemble (left to right): Bro. Isaac; Sis. Abigayle and Bro. Isaiah Asano.



Youth Announcer/Preacher: Sis. Abigayle Asano with (left to right) Sis. Pohaku Carter; Associate Pastor Dean Carillo, Sr.; (parents) Sis. Rhonelyn & Associate Pastor Seth “Makana” Asano, Sr., and the exciting Young Crusaders.



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