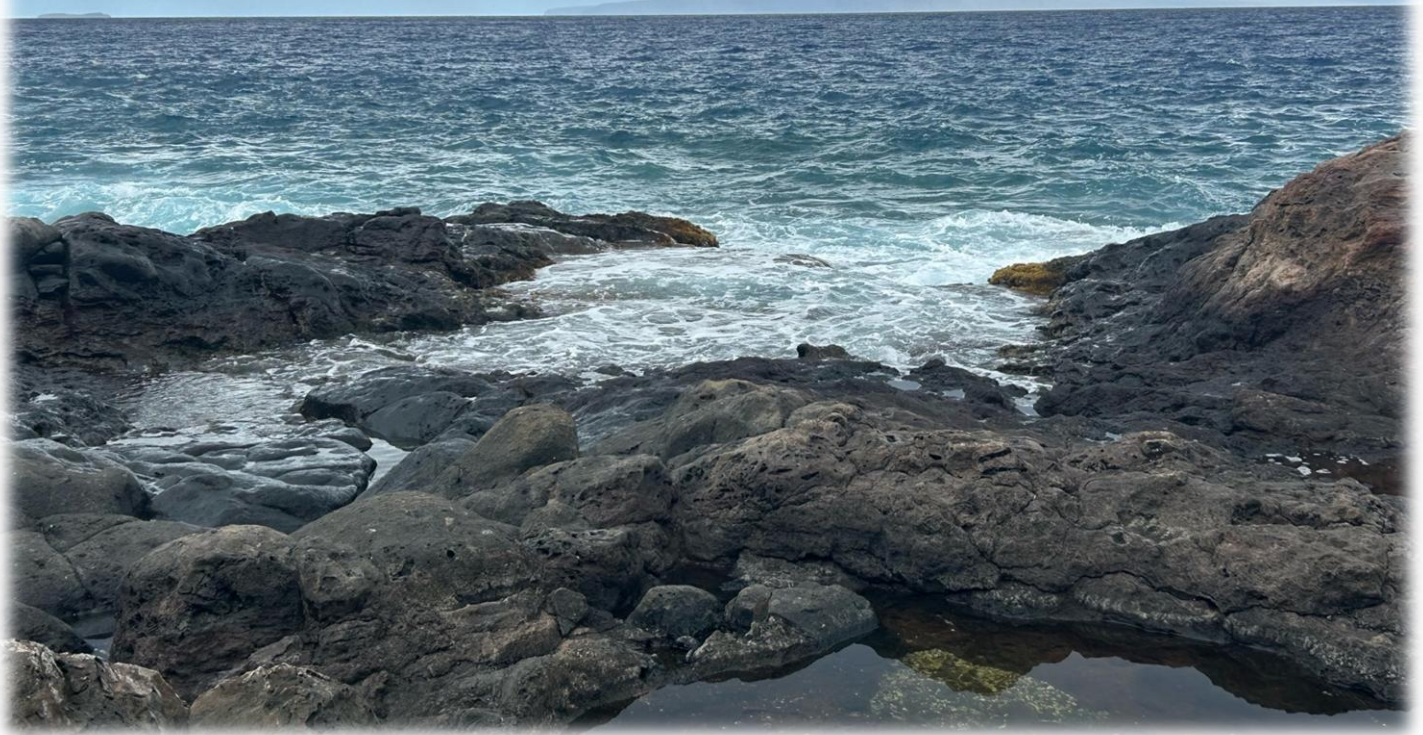


Aloha Church of Christ ~ Maui

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Sunday Service @ Main Street Promenade JUNE 1, 2025

10:00 am	Bible Class (<i>Isaiah 3-4</i>)	<i>Stan Frank</i>
10:45 am	Welcome & Opening Prayer	<i>Stan Frank</i>
	Song Service	<i>Jonathan Noble</i>
	Communion	<i>Jack Van Boening</i>
	Reading of God's Word:	
	<i>Daniel 7:13-14</i>	<i>Zac Frank</i>
	<i>Matthew 28:16-20</i>	<i>Cole Sheldon</i>
	Sermon " <i>The Purpose of Our Lives</i> "	<i>Drew Mickey</i>
11:45 am	Closing Prayer	<i>Visitor</i>

ALOHA CHURCH FAMILY NEWS & PRAYER REQUESTS

ALOHA to our local members & guests! Welcome to **Brenda & Madeline Cannon**, **Mariah Davis & Madison Mote (Texas)** as well as **Drew Mickey (Arkansas)**, another HU student who is working with **Jonathan**, spending a week with us before joining the rest of the Harding group on Big Island. Pray for the **Splanns** who will be flying to the mainland on Monday. Pray for everyone working with the **Aloha Christian Camp** – Zac, Kobi & I will fly there on June 15 through June 20.

2 June A.D. 57 – **Paul** was falsely accused in Jerusalem of teaching against the Law & the Temple. He had been a part of a mob who had accused Stephen similarly 22 years before, which ended in Stephen's stoning. Romans rescued Paul this time.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Main Street Promenade (17)

Zoom (4)

Offering: **\$196.00**

Wednesday, May 28, 2025 Kam III (10)

Pondering the Bible

“To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike? Those who lavish gold from the purse, and weigh out silver in the scales hire a goldsmith, and he makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! They lift it to their shoulders, they carry it, they set it in its place, and it stands there; it cannot move from its place. If one cries to it, it does not answer or save him from his trouble.” Isaiah 45:5-7 (ESV)



Earlier this week, I was reading a biography of Hudson Taylor. Taylor was a missionary during the mid to late 1800s in China. In 1859, he was working and had seen great interest in the gospel, converting a few into devoted followers of Jesus. Dr. Parker, one of Taylor’s friends, had established a new hospital in Ningpo, China. After opening the hospital, an emergency arose, and Dr. Parker had to return to Scotland. So, he wrote to Taylor, asking if he would come to Ningpo and carry on the work at the hospital.

After a couple of days in prayer, Taylor took a step of faith and accepted the offer. When Dr. Parker’s assistants learned of the change in leadership—and that the hospital only had enough funds to operate until the end of the month—many of them left. Alone with no one to help, Taylor turned to the new believers he had converted. They willingly came to help and serve their people. To the patients, these converts radiated a kind of supernatural joy. They were not only kind and caring but also used all their spare time to speak about the One who had transformed their lives and who, they said, was ready to receive all who came to Him for rest. The work at the hospital was going well and was clearly led by the Spirit, but soon a challenge arose.

One morning the cook told Taylor that the last bag of rice had been opened and was quickly being eaten. Since Taylor had already been in earnest prayer about the hospital’s financial situation, he replied, “Then the Lord’s time for helping us must be close at hand.” He was right. Before they finished the last of the rice, Taylor received a letter containing a large sum of money and a note from the sender asking if he could give even more to support their work at the hospital. Taylor was ecstatic. That same day they held a worship service in the hospital chapel, and the whole building was filled with joyful shouts of praise.

“Where is the idol that can do anything like that?” was the question upon many lips and hearts that day. “Have they ever delivered us in our troubles or answered prayer after this sort?”

What an incredible testament to the faith of Taylor and his team—and to the never-ending faithfulness of the God they served. As we go about our daily lives, we should take every opportunity to tell others about the rest and salvation Jesus has given us, just as those workers at the hospital did. In doing so, we help free people from their idolatry to serve the God who truly delivers His people from trouble—a Friend who hears and answers our prayers.

The God we serve is not a useless, mute idol like those worshipped in China (*Isaiah 46:5–7*), but He is all-powerful and perfectly good Creator of the universe. May we all put our trust in Him to do what seems impossible, as Taylor did, and may we all seek to free others from their idolatry to serve the God who can do exceedingly more than all we can ask or think.

Drew

(Story adapted from chapter 8 of “Hudson Taylor’s Spiritual Secret” by Dr. and Mrs. Howard Taylor)