

Lahaina Fire

by Ted Kau

On the evening of August 8th, fire wreaked widespread destruction in Lahaina, Maui. As of this writing, the fire has been confirmed to have killed 111 persons, with the number expected to rise. The fire is 90% contained, and has destroyed or damaged more than 2,200 buildings, 86% of them residential (almost 1,900 homes). FEMA estimates that it will cost \$5.5 billion to rebuild in the aftermath of the most lethal natural disaster on this island, and the deadliest fire in U.S. history in the past century.

Lahaina has a rich Christian heritage, as it is where Christianity was introduced to Maui. When Queen Keōpūolani—married to King Kamehameha, who united the Hawaiian islands—moved to Lahaina in 1823, she invited two American missionaries, William Richards and Charles Stewart, who taught her Scripture and brought Christianity to the island. Keōpūolani converted shortly before her death that year.

Maui believers have been caring for thousands of victims, transforming churches and homes into shelters, meal centers, and resource distribution points. More importantly, they provide community and hope in Jesus Christ. One pastor shared: *“At a gathering, one member started singing children’s songs, which instantly brought joy to the faces of kids who had been evacuated from their homes. Soon the adults joined, and the moment became a much-needed source of joy and comfort for all.”*

If you want to help, first, please pray. If you’d like to give, we suggest these two trustworthy nonprofit Christian charities with low administrative costs, both certified by ECFA (Evangelical Council of Financial Accountability). *Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it* (Proverbs 3:27).

<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/airlifting-relief-supplies-to-maui/>

<https://give.efca.org/projects/maui-wildfire-response>



Some residents fled the fire by jumping into the ocean. They waited in the cold ocean for over 9 hours before help arrived.

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In light of the Maui Fires and Hurricane Hilary



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Order of Service

August 20th, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship

Worship Congregation

Sermon..... **God Is Sovereign** Ted

Song of Response Congregation

Benediction

God Is Sovereign

Ted Kau • Amos 3:6

Why is God sovereign?

Because He alone is _____ of all things

Even His name, Yahweh, expresses His sovereignty

Sovereignty includes

1. **Control:** everything happens according to God's plan

2. _____: whatever the Lord commands, we must do

3. **Presence:** God is personal, involved, and deeply _____



Young adults beach clean up

Deacons

Allie Wong

Anne Chou

Dave McLendon

Joshua Cain

Pat Leung

Paulah Wong

Teresa Jue

Wesley Lin

Elders

Cliff Char—Young Adults, Worship Music

Devin Wong—GO Team, Website

Hiro Kono—Cong. Dev., Pastoral Care, Women's Ministry

Peter Leung—Children, Welcome

Phil Jen Kin—Facilities, Chinese, Security, Personnel

Rick Chou—Nominations, Multimedia, Small Groups

Ron Jue—Growth & Legacy, Deacons Liaison, CLT Chair

Victor Wong—Campus, Finance, Hospitality, SERVE, Vietnamese

Staff

Ted Kau—Senior Pastor

Paul Eng—Chinese Pastor

Roger Yee—Administrator

Ewin Grace—Pastor of Small Groups

Christian Lissner—Assistant Minister

Amy Mu—Office & Ministry Assistant

Ways to get involved at Journey:

8/27: Hot Dog & Chili Dog Lunch. stick around after service to enjoy hot dogs and chili dogs!

8/27: Basketball Ministry (1-3pm, Gym). Email wesleylin91@gmail.com for details.

9/1-9/4: YA Retreat. Email wesleylin91@gmail.com and happyluchi@gmail.com for deets.

9/7: Women's Ministry Bible Study—The Book of Job by Frances Chan (6:46-8:30pm, 8 sessions online, 1st & 3rd Thurs). Join us as we learn how Job responded faithfully to difficult trials. Contact Trudee Joe, womensministry@JourneyEC.org for details.

9/16: ESL Ministry Rewarding job on Saturdays (9:30am-11:30am, 9/16–12/23) teaching English to immigrants, plus good pay and benefits! Contact: MoonHoangLee@gmail.com.

9/22-23: Stand To Reason Conf. (Biola, \$59 '≤9/8, \$69). Scholarships available for students..

Update: We will repave the parking lot, remodel the foyer, and construct a new parent lounge. We await permits to dispose trailers. If you are led to joyfully give, please make an offering to Journey EC with "Building Fund" in memo.