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The Great Os of Advent

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O Adonai, and leader of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the teachings on Sinai: come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples, before whom kings will stand in silence, to whom the nations will offer their prayers: come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

O Key of David, O sceptre of the house of Israel, who opens, and no one can shut, who shuts and no one can open: come, and bring forth out of the prison the captive that sits in gloom and in the shadow of death.

O Morning Star! Splendor of eternal light! Sun of justice: come and illuminate those who sit in dimness and in the shadow of death.

O King of the nations, the object of their desires: come and save us whom you formed from the clay.

O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the expectation of the nations and our Saviour: come and save us, O Lord our God!



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Daring Faith Conversations

REIMAGINING CHURCH IN A NEW CULTURAL CONTEXT

Rev. Diane Weible will lead us in this conversation:

SESSION 2
DEC. 7, 2023
THURS. 6:30 PM
VIA ZOOM
MEETING ID: 890 8075 7464
PASSCODE: 025176

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TOGETHER WE WILL:

- SHARE STORIES OF NEW LIFE
- DARE TO DREAM OF GOD'S PROMISED FUTURE
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Praying for & with each church of the Hawai'i Conference UCC

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