

Pastoral Prayer

March 8, 2026

O Holy One,

We give you thanks today for the life of Kahu Daniel Kawaha, celebrated yesterday at the church he served, Haili Congregational Church. Continue to comfort those who miss him, O God, and guide that congregation as they consider leadership in the days ahead.

Likewise we pray for those who grieve in the world today. We pray for those who mourn for those who lived long and cherished lives. We pray for those who weep for those who died far too early in life. We pray for those who were deeply loved. And we pray for those whose memory is complicated, who left a trail of brokenness behind them along their journey.

As wars continue to rain destruction upon those who bear your image, O God, we pray for peace. Peace for us and for Iran and Israel and Gaza. Peace for Russia and Ukraine. Peace for Myanmar, Maghreb, Congo, Somalia, Mexico, Sudan. Peace for other places where fewer have died but where the grief is not less. Peace, O God. We pray for peace.

Give to us the strength we need for the day's needs. Refresh us with nourishment for body and for soul. Be with us through each day until we take our rest – and then, once more, refresh us, O God, in body and in spirit.

In Jesus name we pray,

Amen.