

MARCH 5, 2023 9:30 A.M.  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT / COMMUNION SUNDAY

ORGAN PRELUDE

Rosalyn Baker

BLOWING THE CONCH SHELL

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist Mele Latu Pasikala

CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 121)

Leader: I lift my eyes up to the hills— from where does my help come?

People: OUR HELP COMES FROM THE LORD, MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH.

Leader: God won't let your foot slip. Your protector won't fall asleep on the job.

People: NO! ISRAEL'S PROTECTOR NEVER SLEEPS.

Leader: The Lord is your protector;

People: THE LORD IS OUR SHADE RIGHT BESIDE US.

Leader: The Lord will protect you from all evil; God will protect your very life.

People: THE LORD WILL PROTECT US ON OUR JOURNEYS— WHETHER COMING  
OR GOING— FROM NOW UNTIL FOREVER FROM NOW.

All: IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR WINGS, LORD, WE SING FOR JOY.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God Our Help in Ages Past (v.1,2,6) UMH 117

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Leader: Lord in your mercy,  
PEOPLE: HEAR OUR PRAYERS



UNISON PRAYER

LOVING AND GRACIOUS GOD, YOUR GLORY IS TO ALWAYS HAVE MERCY ON THOSE WHO HAVE MADE MISTAKES BUT SEEK YOUR PATH TO EVERLASTING LIFE. BRING US BACK AGAIN WITH HEARTS THAT DESIRE TO BE MADE HOLY AND STEADFAST. IN OUR WORSHIP WE SEEK TO DRAW CLOSER TO YOU SO THAT WE MAY EMBRACE THE TRUTH OF YOUR WORD, JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou 'oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i. Amene.  
*(Your loving mercy is in heaven and your truth so perfect. Amen.)*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH : THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION #880

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*\* church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen. (\*\* universal)

GLORIA PATRI



**SERMON TEXT**

John 3 : 1-17

N.T.

Leader : This is the Word of the Lord.  
People : THANKS BE TO GOD.

**MEDITATION**

“God’s Abundant Love”

Pastor John Crewe

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**

To God Be the Glory (v.1,3)

UMH 98

**CHOIR OFFERTORY**

LUMC Tongan Choir

**DOXOLOGY**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

#12

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another. *(Pause/Silence)*



**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

**MERCIFUL GOD, WE CONFESS THAT WE HAVE NOT LOVED YOU WITH OUR WHOLE HEART. WE HAVE FAILED TO BE AN OBEDIENT CHURCH. WE HAVE NOT DONE YOUR WILL, WE HAVE BROKEN YOUR LAW, WE HAVE REBELLED AGAINST YOUR LOVE, WE HAVE NOT LOVED OUR NEIGHBORS, AND WE HAVE NOT HEARD THE CRY OF THE NEEDY. FORGIVE US, WE PRAY, FREE US FOR JOYFUL OBEDIENCE, THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God’s love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST, YOU ARE FORGIVEN! GLORY TO GOD. AMEN.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **AND ALSO WITH YOU.**

Lift up your hearts. **WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS AND PRAISE.**

It is right and a good and joyful thing,  
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

Before you formed the Earth, the stars, and the wonders of our mysterious universe, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life. You formed us in your image. When our love failed and we turned away from you to follow our own desires, your love for us remained. You are always ready to welcome us into your family, just as you delivered our spiritual ancestors from slavery and made a covenant with them to be our sovereign God. Even when your people turned away, again and again, you continued to reach out to them through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF POWER AND MIGHT,  
HEAVEN AND EARTH ARE FULL OF YOUR GLORY.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.  
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD.  
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation, whom your Spirit emboldened with authority to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In his divinity, he emptied himself as a humble servant, even to the point of death on a cross, that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**  
The blood of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**

**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**

Pastor John Crewe

**SENDING FORTH / BENEDICTION**

**CIRCLE OF OHANA "HAWAII ALOHA" (Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)**

E Hawai'i e ku`u one hanau e, Ku`u ho-me kulaiwi nei.  
Oli no au i na pono lani ou, E Hawai'i, aloha e.  
E hau'oli na `opio o Hawai'i nei. `Oli e! `Oli e!  
Mai na ahehe makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i.

*(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the blessings of heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i, Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.)*

**ORGAN POSTLUDE**

Rosalyn Baker

**WE REMEMBER OUR SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PRAYERS:**

Rhonda Wilkes	Janice Hayes and family
The family of Justine	The family of Wyatt Podgar
Laura	Fonda's family in the loss of her brother
Linda & Les Takahashi	The family of Mike Vaughn
Warren Carthan & family	The family of Barb Dering
Noah Min	The family of Janice Markwith
Gavyn Kang	The family of Bob Hockholter
Justine	The family of Lori Ramsey
Rhoda	The family of Fletcher Volkman
Sandy Wong	The family of Don and Betty McCullum
Lotima Filiai	Fred Katonga's daughter in law and sister
Doreen Taylor	Kevin's sister Uheina Oliveti in Tonga
Joyce Ige	Patrick Muratta
Marceline Farquharson	Kelly Hess
Julie Reed	Chris & Velvet Welland
Riley Hope Jacobs	Ellen Di Giampaolo's grandson
Julie Reed	Denny White
Ellen Damaskas	Lyn and Judy Ebbesen's family
Nadine Tucker	Sophie
Kyle	Jon
Candee	Clara

**Prayers for our Community/Country:**

- \*Prayers for support for all non-profit organizations and charities that support the keiki and kupuna in our community.
- \*Those impacted financially from Covid. Those who have lost loved ones during this pandemic as well as those who continue to heal.
- \*Racial reconciliation in this country that will honor, respect and value all racial and ethnic identities.
- \*Prayers for leadership and a spirit of cooperation that will help us resolve the many problems we are facing in this country
- \*End to violence and a commitment to loving our neighbor, loving the migrant and the stranger, protecting our children, and helping the poor.

All prayers spoken and unspoken  
Lord in Your Mercy, HEAR OUR PRAYERS





**PLEASE NOTE:**

We invite you to browse in our gift shop KOINONIA KORNER, just downstairs around the corner on our right as you leave the Sanctuary. Proceeds will help us to keep up with the maintenance of our aging building.

Spiritual/Nurture Resources...copies of the Upper Room, Alive Now, Care Notes are available for you at the display table near the entrance of the Sanctuary. Take a copy or give one to someone you know who will enjoy reading them.



**LUMC RENOVATION FUND:**

Our church has now been in our current building for over 100 years! We have begun renovations to improve our church and surrounding property.

**If you would like to donate:**

You can send a check to the church and write "Renovation Fund" in the notes section. Or make an online donation by going to <https://lumcmaui.org/building-renovation-fund> and clicking the Donate button. Mahalo for your support and love as we continue in the beautification of our historic church!

Lahaina UMC also contributes to many giving ministries such as Operation Christmas Child, Salvation Army Angel Tree and many more. If you are interested in donating or becoming a part of these ministries, please visit our website <https://lumcmaui.org> and click the ministries tab for more information. May God bless you and your family as you have blessed us.



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**"OPEN HEARTS... OPEN MINDS... OPEN DOORS"**



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