

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 9:30 A.M.
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

ORGAN PRELUDE

Rosalyn Baker

BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist Sione Malamala

CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 105)

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord;

People: CALL UPON HIS NAME; MAKE HIS DEEDS KNOWN TO ALL PEOPLE!

Leader: Sing to God;

People: SING PRAISES TO THE LORD; DWELL ON ALL HIS WONDROUS WORKS!

Leader: Give praise to God's holy name!

People: LET THE HEARTS REJOICE OF ALL THOSE SEEKING THE LORD!

**Leader: Remember the wondrous works he has done, all his marvelous works,
and the justice he declared—**

**People: YOU WHO ARE THE OFFSPRING OF ABRAHAM, HIS SERVANT, AND THE
CHILDREN OF JACOB, HIS CHOSEN ONES.**

All: THEY WHO WAIT FOR THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

UMH 158

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

**Leader : Lord in your mercy
ALL : HEAR OUR PRAYERS**



UNISON PRAYER

SPIRIT OF GOD, WHEN WE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO PRAY, THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT, YOU INTERCEDE FOR US WITH SIGHS TOO DEEP FOR WORDS. WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST, YOU HEAL OUR HEARTS AND GIVE US STRENGTH TO CARRY ON. SET OUR HEARTS AND MINDS ON YOU, GREAT SPIRIT, THAT WE MAY KNOW YOUR ABIDING PRESENCE AND YOUR NEVER-FAILING LOVE. 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.)**



THE READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

FIRST READING

Genesis 29 : 15-28

O.T. Pg #

SECOND READING

Romans 8 : 26-38

N.T. Pg #

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!



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)

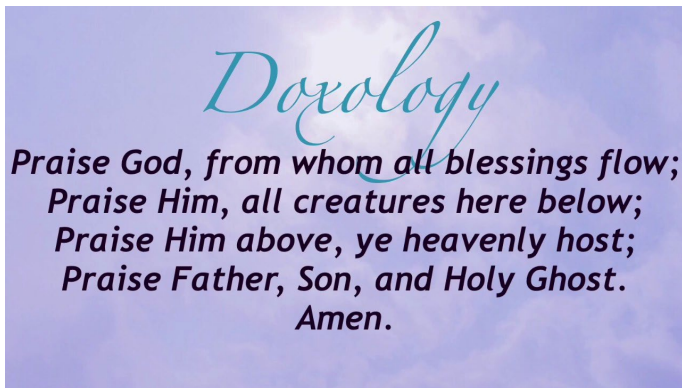
GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CHOIR OFFERING

LUMC Tongan Choir



HYMN OF PREPARATION

How Great Thou Art

UMH 77

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

N.T. Pg #

MESSAGE

Hidden Treasure

Pastor John Crewe

MINISTRY UPDATES



CLOSING HYMN

Pass It On

UMH 572

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 aheahe
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.)**

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THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT I
From the UMC Hymnal, Pages 33-37

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present Masinata'iala Galoia-Moore for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents or other sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves:

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

Response: **I will.**

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

Response: **I will.**

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

Response: **I will.**

Pastor: Will you nurture Masinata'iala in Christ's holy Church so that, by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

Response: **I will.**

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

Church Response: **We do.**

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons?

Church Response: **With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness so that she may grow in her trust of God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.**

Apostle's Creed in Question and Answer Format

Pastor addresses to all: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

All Response: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

All Response: **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.]**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

All Response: **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.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor addresses the entire congregation.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Church Response: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Church Response: **Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

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Church Response: **Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and Masinata'iala who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life that, being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

Church Response: **All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

The pastor addresses all candidates:

Pastor: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Holy Spirit work within Masinata'iala so that, being born through water and the Spirit, she may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Now, it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ, Masinata'iala Galoia-Moore!

The congregation responds: **Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.**

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