

**SUNDAY, JULY 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2023, 9:30 A.M.**  
**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE**

**Roz Baker**

**BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL**

**Rick Kimball**

**PROCESSION**

**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**Vaosa Tagaloa, Liturgist**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 139)**

**Liturgist**

**Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.**

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**

**Leader: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.**

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**

**Leader: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.**

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**

**All: Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my thoughts.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE.**

**Have Thine Own Way, Lord**

**# 382**

**1. Have thine own way, Lord!**

**Have thine own way!**

**Thou art the potter;**

**I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me**

**after thy will,**

**while I am waiting,**

**yielded and still.**

**2. Have thine own way, Lord!**

**Have thine own way!**

Search me and try me,  
Savior today!  
Wash me just now, Lord,  
wash me just now,  
as in thy presence  
humbly I bow.

3. Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Wounded and weary,  
help me I pray!  
Power, all power,  
surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me,  
Savior divine!

4. Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being  
absolute sway.  
Fill with thy Spirit  
till all shall see  
Christ only, always,  
living in me!

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Pastor**

**THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**Pastor**

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY:  
Hear our Prayers.**

**UNISON PRAYER**

Mysterious Creator and loving parent, we yearn to grow closer to you through worship today. When our spirits grow unsettled, meet us in our need. When we seek isolation from the rancor of our time, remind us how the wheat and weeds grow together until the harvest. When we feel lost and captive to the pressures of this world, remind us that you have given us a spirit of adoption as children of God. Help us have

ears to hear your call to freedom in Jesus's name. 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**

**Liturgist**

#### **FIRST READING**

**Genesis 28:10-19a**

<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup> He called that place Bethel.

#### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:12-25**

<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body,

you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**LITURGIST: 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**

**Pastor**

**CHOIR OFFERING**

**LUMC Choir**

**DOXOLOGY**

**HYMN OF PREPARATION    We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder    # 418**

1. We are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder,  
we are climbing Jacob's ladder;  
soldiers of the cross.

2. Every round goes higher, higher;  
every round goes higher, higher,  
every round goes higher, higher;  
soldiers of the cross.

3. Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Sinner, do you love my Jesus?  
Soldiers of the cross.

4. If you love him, why not serve him?  
If you love him, why not serve him?

If you love him, why not serve him?  
Soldiers of the cross.

5. We are climbing higher, higher;  
we are climbing higher, higher,  
we are climbing higher, higher;  
soldiers of the cross.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

**Pastor**

13:24-30

<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” <sup>28</sup> He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” <sup>29</sup> But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

13:36-43

<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ <sup>37</sup> He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and

gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

**MESSAGE** **Shine Like the Sun** **Pastor**

**MINISTRY UPDATE** **Pastor**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** **Forth in Thy Name, O Lord** **# 438**

1. Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go,  
my daily labor to pursue;  
thee, only thee, resolved to know  
in all I think or speak or do.

2. The task thy wisdom hath assigned,  
O let me cheerfully fulfill;  
in all my works thy presence find,  
and prove thy good and perfect will.

3. Thee may I set at my right hand,  
whose eyes mine inmost substance see,  
and labor on at thy command,  
and offer all my works to thee.

4. For thee delightfully employ  
what e'er thy bounteous grace hath given;  
and run my course with even joy,  
and closely walk with thee to heaven.

**\*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.)*