

SUNDAY, JUNE 25TH, 2023, 9:30 A.M.
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

PRELUDE

Roz Baker

BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL

Rick Kimball

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist

***CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 86)**

Liturgist

Leader: Incline your ear, O God. Hear the praises of your people.

People: Gladden the hearts of your servants as we lift up our souls to you.

Leader: For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love.

People: In the day of trouble, we call on you, knowing you will answer.

Leader: Your people everywhere glorify your name.

People: For you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love.

Leader: Turn to us and be gracious.

All: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

***HYMN OF PRAISE.**

How Great Thou Art

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**1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
consider all the *worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

Refrain:

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee;
how great thou art, how great thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;**

when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin; [Refrain]

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor

THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

Pastor

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY:
Hear our Prayers.

UNISON PRAYER

Gracious Creator, the warmth and fertility of these long summer days remind us of your invitation to embrace abundant life. Your promise of resurrection allows past troubles to die as we rise with you to new life. Embolden us to follow you, even when it requires us to bear a cross of sacrifice in your name. Stoke the fire of love in our hearts as we share words and acts of compassion with a world that yearns for your peace. 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 21:8-21

⁸ The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son

Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' ¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

SECOND READING

Romans 6:1-11

¹ What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

LITURGIST: THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD.

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION**

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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)

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor

CHOIR OFFERING

LUMC Choir

DOXOLOGY

HYMN OF PREPARATION I Need Thee Every Hour (vv. 1-3) # 397

1. I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need thee, O I need thee;
every hour I need thee;
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to thee.

2. I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby;
temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.
(Refrain)

3. I need thee every hour, in joy or pain;
come quickly and abide, or life is vain.
(Refrain)

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10:24-39

Pastor

⁹ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of

them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴ 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵ For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
³⁶ and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷ Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸ and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

MESSAGE	Have no Fear	Pastor
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MINISTRY UPDATE		Pastor
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*CLOSING HYMN	It Is Well with My Soul	# 377
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1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain:
It is well with my soul,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,

and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
(Refrain)

3. My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin, not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
(Refrain)

4. And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.
(Refrain)

***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.)*