

**SUNDAY, MAY 14TH, 2023, 9:30 A.M.**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

**PRELUDE**

**Roz Baker**

**BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL**

**RICK KIMBALL**

**PROCESSION**

**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**LITURGIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (ISAIAH 49:13-16)**

**LITURGIST**

**Leader: Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing!**

**People: For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

**Leader: But Zion said, 'The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.'**

**People: Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb?**

**Leader: Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.**

**People: See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands**

**All: Sing for Joy! For the Lord has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Morning Has Broken**

**# 145**

**1. Morning has broken**

**Like the first morning,**

**Blackbird has spoken**

**Like the first bird.**

**Praise for the singing!**

**Praise for the morning!**

**Praise for them, springing**

**Fresh from the Word!**

**2. Sweet the rain's new fall**

**Sunlit from Heaven,**

Like the first dewfall  
On the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
Of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness  
Where his feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight,  
Mine is the morning,  
Born of the one light  
Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation,  
Praise every morning,  
God's re-creation  
Of the new day!

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

### **THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

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

### **UNISON PRAYER**

**Mothering God, we remember those who have nurtured us, protected us, and helped us grow. We remember our mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, and mother figures in our lives. We give you thanks for homes that accept us and affirm us as your precious children. In the shelter of your healing love, fortify us as living stones, and build us into a spiritual home where all are welcome. In the name of Christ, our foundation and cornerstone, we pray, 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

## Acts 17:22-31

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

## SECOND READING

## 1 Peter 3:13-22

<sup>42</sup> <sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer

for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**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 Breath on Me, Breath of God (1-3) # 420**

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
till all this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**John 14:15-21**

**Pastor**

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup>This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

<sup>18</sup>“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup>In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup>They who have my commandments and



**this still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee,  
more love to thee!**

**\*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.)*