

**SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2023, 9:30 A.M.**  
**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER**  
**PENTECOST**

**PRELUDE**

**Roz Baker**

**BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL**

**RICK KIMBALL**

**PROCESSION**

**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**LITURGIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LITURGIST**

**Leader: Come into God's presence.**

**People: All are welcome here.**

**Leader: Come, saints and sinners alike.**

**People: We are all God's children.**

**Leader: Faith has brought us here.**

**People: Grace will make us whole.**

**Leader: Come! Let us worship.**

**All: We gather to hear God's call to "Go!" and share God's love with all.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Be Thou My Vision**

**# 451**

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;  
I ever with thee, and thou with me, Lord.  
Born of thy love, thy child may I be,  
thou in me dwelling and I one with thee.

3. High King of heaven, my victory is won  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

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

**LORD, IN YOUR MERCY:**

Hear our Prayers.

### **UNISON PRAYER**

Faithful and loving God, your grace makes our faith possible. May we live and go about our lives as people who place our trust in you. May we love and care for others as people who turn to you for help. Where there is doubt or distrust, renew our faith. Where there is fear or insecurity, grant us courage. Where there is fatigue and weariness, give us amazing strength. Where there is confusion of purpose, give us wisdom. Where there is sorrow and loss, bring us peace. In Christ's name, 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**

**Genesis 12:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. <sup>2</sup> I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. <sup>5</sup> Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, <sup>6</sup> Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the

Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup> Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, 'To your offspring I will give this land.' So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup> From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. <sup>9</sup> And Abram journeyed on by stages towards the Negeb.

## **SECOND READING**

## **Romans 4:13-25**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' <sup>23</sup> Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**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 Where He Leads Me (verses 1,3,4) # 338**

1. I can hear my Savior calling,  
I can hear my Savior calling,

I can hear my Savior calling,  
"Take thy cross and follow, follow me."

Refrain:

Where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow,  
where he leads me I will follow;  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.

3. I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him through the judgment,  
I'll go with him, with him all the way.  
(Refrain)

4. He will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
he will give me grace and glory,  
and go with me, with me all the way.  
(Refrain)

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26**

**Pastor**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting<sup>0</sup> with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

**Verses 18-26**

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' <sup>19</sup> And

Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread throughout that district.

**MESSAGE**

**Mercy More than Sacrifice**

**Pastor**

**MINISTRY UPDATE**

**Pastor**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

**He Touched Me**

**# 367**

**Shackled by a heavy burden  
'Neath a load of guilt and shame  
Then the hand of Jesus touched me  
And now I am no longer the same**

**Refrain**

**He touched me, oh He touched me  
And oh the joy that floods my soul!  
Something happened and now I know  
He touched me and made me whole**

**Since I met this blessed Savior  
Since He's cleansed and made me whole  
Oh I will never cease to praise Him (to praise)  
I'll shout it while eternity rolls (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.)*