

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST, 2023, 9:30 A.M.
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF
EASTER
ASCENSION SUNDAY

PRELUDE

Roz Baker

BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL

RICK KIMBALL

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

LITURGIST

***CALL TO WORSHIP (PSALM 68)**

LITURGIST

Leader: Let us gather in this space.

People: We gather from many places.

Leader: Let us center ourselves for worship.

People: We are one in the Spirit with joy in our hearts.

Leader: Let us receive God's blessing.

People: God's blessing is ours.

All: We are God's beloved! Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE All Creatures of Our God and King (1,3,5) # 62**

**1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices and with us sing,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
O brother sun with golden beam,
O sister moon with silver gleam,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**3. O sister water, flowing clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
O brother fire who lights the night,
providing warmth enhancing sight,
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

5. All ye who are of tender heart,

forgiving others, take your part,
O praise ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
praise God cast on him cast your care!
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

LORD, IN YOUR MERCY:
Hear our Prayers.

UNISON PRAYER

Breath of God, renew us in this time of worship. Help us set aside thoughts that trouble us. Help us pause the challenges of the world that taunt us. Pour your spirit within each one of us, so that we may be refreshed by the living water of the Holy Spirit in this hour and throughout the days. May our acts be inspired by the power of your grace. 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

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because

he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

SECOND READING

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, ^[a] to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

⁶ 'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

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

Pass It On

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1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love.
Once you've experienced it,
You spread the love to everyone.

You want to pass it on.

2. What a wondrous time is spring,
When all the trees are budding.
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it.
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found.
You can depend on God,
It matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop, "Praise God!"
I want the world to know
The Lord of Love has come to me.
I want to pass it on.

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Acts 1:6-14

Pastor

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴All these were

constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

MESSAGE **Beloved Community** **Pastor**

MINISTRY UPDATE **Pastor**

***CLOSING HYMN** **Let There Be Peace on Earth** **# 431**

**Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God our creator,
children all are we.
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.**

***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.)