

SUNDAY, APRIL 23<sup>TH</sup>, 2023, 9:30 A.M.  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**PRELUDE**

**Roz Baker**

**BLOWING OF THE CONCH SHELL**

**RICK KIMBALL**

**PROCESSION**

**GREETINGS AND ALOHA**

**LITURGIST**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LITURGIST**

Leader: Come walk with us.

People: **We will join the journey.**

Leader: Let us talk together.

People: **We will listen and speak**

Leader: Let us talk together.

All: **Jesus guides our steps.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**

**Blessed Assurance**

**UMH 369**

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
(Refrain)

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;

I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
(Refrain)

## **PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

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

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

#### **UNISON PRAYER**

Holy One, we are often confused by the events in our world. We need your eyes to see the way we should go and your steady hand to guide us. Come and walk with us, Good Shepherd. May our hearts burn within us with zeal to know your truth. Open our ears, Lord, to hear your voice. Plant the seed of new life within us. In the trust of your loving presence, 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 2:14a, 36-42**

*<sup>14a</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:*

<sup>36</sup> Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you

will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

## **SECOND READING**

## **1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

**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 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem**

**UMH 179**

1. O sing a song of Bethlehem,  
of shepherds watching there,  
and of the news that came to them  
from angels in the air.

The light that shone on Bethlehem  
fills all the world today;  
of Jesus' birth and peace on earth  
the angels sing always.

2. O sing a song of Nazareth,  
of sunny days of joy;

O sing of fragrant flowers' breath,  
and of the sinless Boy.  
For now the flowers of Nazareth  
in every heart may grow;  
now spreads the fame of his dear name  
on all the winds that blow.

3. O sing a song of Galilee,  
of lake and woods and hill,  
of him who walked upon the sea  
and bade the waves be still.  
For though like waves on Galilee,  
dark seas of trouble roll,  
when faith has heard the Master's work,  
falls peace upon the soul.

4. O sing a song of Calvary,  
its glory and dismay,  
of him who hung upon the tree,  
and took our sins away.  
For he who died on Calvary  
is risen from the grave,  
and Christ, our Lord, by heaven adored,  
is mighty now to save.

**SERMON SCRIPTURE**

**John 24:13-35**

**Pastor**

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' <sup>19</sup> He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified



**(Refrain)**

**Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,  
Because He lives, all fear is gone;  
Because I know He holds the future,  
And life is worth the living,  
Just because He lives!**

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,  
And feel the pride and joy he gives;  
But greater still the calm assurance: This child can face uncertain  
days because He Lives! (Refrain)**

**And then one day, I'll cross the river,  
I'll fight life's final war with pain;  
And then, as death gives way to vict'ry,  
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives! (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.)*