

AUGUST 6TH, 2023, 9:30 A.M.
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
COMMUNION SUNDAY
BAPTISM OF NETANIELA VAOSA VAVE MALAMALA

ORGAN PRELUDE **Roz Baker**

BLOWING THE CONCH SHELL **PASTOR**

PROCESSION

GREETINGS AND ALOHA **Welcome to Visitors** **LITURGIST**

***CALL TO WORSHIP** **LITURGIST**

Leader: Are you hungry for a word of hope?

People: We come to be fed and nourished.

Leader: Are you yearning to see the bounty of God?

People: We long to see and believe.

Leader: Are you ready to witness the power of our God?

People: We are ready.

All: Come! Let us worship.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **Great Is Thy Faithfulness** **#140**

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

PASTOR

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

PASTOR

WELCOME AND MISSION STATEMENT

PASTOR

“We are a rainbow of unique cultures and perspectives, striving to affirm and reflect our unity as sisters and brothers in Christ. We gather for a common purpose of celebrating and living out God’s constant grace and compassion. We seek to create and nurture Ohana - a faith community in the model of Jesus’ teaching, life, and spirit. We seek to enable and maintain a place and atmosphere of Aloha - of holy hospitality, enriching those in our island community and guests from around the world through worship, learning, and fellowship opportunities. This is our vision, our mission, trusting in the wisdom and guiding presence of God’s spirit with us.”

THE SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

UNISON PRAYER

LITURGIST

God of wonder and mystery, you struggle with us when our faith is weakest and do not allow your followers to be overcome. Meet us in our weakness and stay with us when we cry out with hungry hearts. Bless us in our struggles, O God, so that we might be a blessing to others in need. 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.)

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

(See Insert)

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism, we are initiated into Christ's holy Church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

I present Netaniela Vaosa Vave Malamala for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents or other sponsors of candidates not able to answer for themselves:

Pastor: On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I will.

Pastor: Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I will.

Pastor: Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I will.

Pastor: Will you nurture Netaniela in Christ's holy Church so that, by your teaching and example, she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation, and the congregation responds:

Pastor: Do you, as Christ's body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Pastor: Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons

With God's help, we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround her with a community of love and forgiveness so that she may grow in her trust of God and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Apostle's Creed in Question and Answer Format

Pastor addresses to all: Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

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.]

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

[*universal]

GLORIA PATRI

#70

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Pastor addresses the entire congregation.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah, you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood, you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

****Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.**

Pastor: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

****Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.**

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit to bless this gift of water and Netaniela who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life that, being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

****All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

BAPTISM WITH LAYING ON OF HANDS

The pastor addresses all candidates:

Pastor: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit work within Netaniela so that, being born through water and the Spirit, she may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Pastor: Now, it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ, Netaniela Vaosa Vave Malamala!

The congregation responds: Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

SERMON TEXT**Matthew 14:13-21****N.T. #19**

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' ¹⁷ They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' ¹⁸ And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

MEDITATION**Are You Hungry?****PASTOR****HYMN OF PREPARATION****Tell Me the Story of Jesus****#277**

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.
2. First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.
3. Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

CHOIR OFFERING

Tongan Choir

*THE DOXOLOGY

#95

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#12

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause/Silence)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

**We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,**

**we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive use we pray.**

**Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing,
Always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God,
creator of heaven and earth.

Before you formed the earth, the stars, and the wonders of our mysterious universe, you alone are God. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life. You formed us in your image. When our love failed, and we turned away from you to follow our own desires, your love for us remained. You are always ready to welcome us into your family, just as you delivered our spiritual ancestors from slavery and made a covenant with them to be our sovereign God. Even when your people turned away, again and again, you continued to reach out to them through your prophets.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and Earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation, whom your Spirit emboldened with authority to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind. In his divinity, he emptied himself as a humble servant, even to the point of death on a cross, that every knee shall bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is Risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. Amen.

The blood of Christ, given for you. Amen.

***SENDING FORTH/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.)

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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