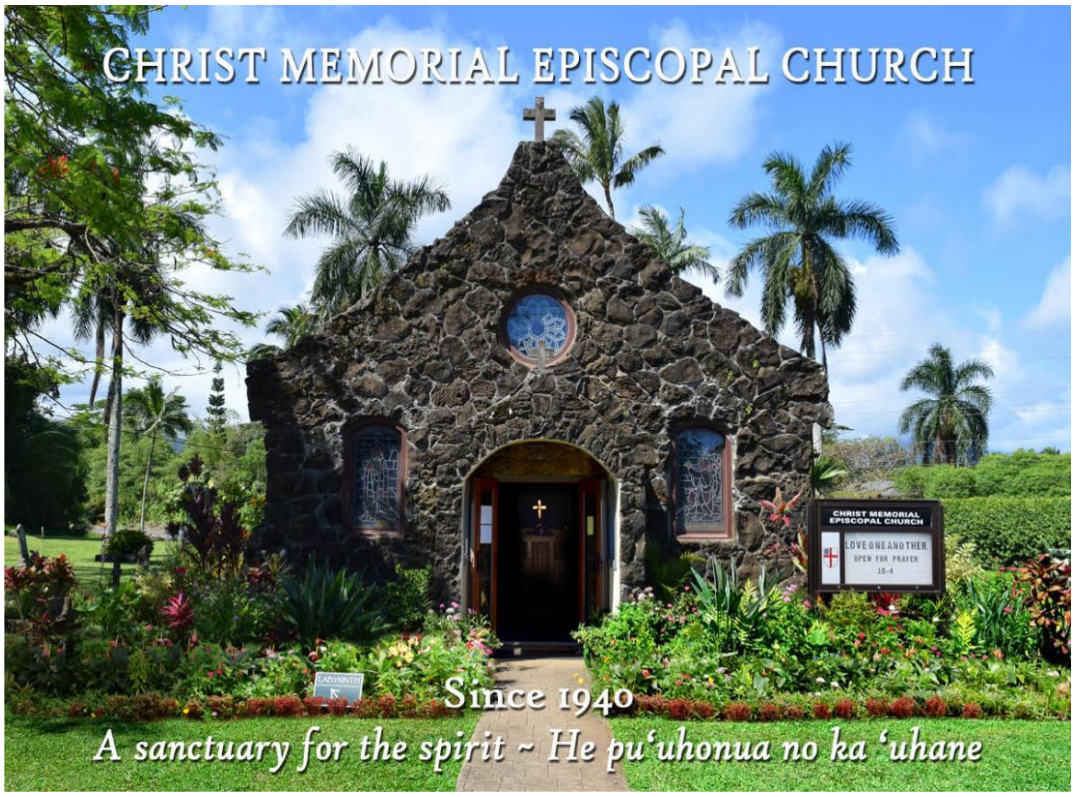



# *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**July 16, 2023**

8:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary • 9:30 a.m. Online

**Opening Hymn • 554 • 'Tis the gift to be simple •**

**Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant*: Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***Gloria, Gloria in excelsis deo***
***Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia***

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.
**People: And also with you**
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson** **Isaiah 55:10-13**

*A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah.*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14**

[1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]
9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

**The Second Lesson** **Romans 8:1-11**

*A Reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Gradual • 553 • Fight the good fight •**

**The Gospel** **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23**

*Celebrant*: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for

what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of our Lord.
**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** The Rev. Martha Sterne

**The Nicene Creed** *(Stand as you are able)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic**

**Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN**

**The Prayers of the People**

*Presider: Gracious God you sow your gifts abundantly upon the Church and upon the world, inviting all to live deeply and to produce abundant blessings for your creation: Hear our intercessions on behalf of all who need your nurturing love, as we pray: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.*

Litanist: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus: Spread your grace generously within your Church, O God, that she may be rooted deeply in your love and walk according to your Spirit.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

Bring light and understanding to our leaders and to all in authority that they may resist the things of the flesh and set their minds in your Spirit which is life and peace.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

Save everyone throughout the world living in places threatened by violence, environmental degradation, poverty, illness or oppression; and let them find nourishment and nurture in order to grow and flourish.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,

**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

Our community is troubled with the cares of the world and choked with the lure of wealth: Free us with your Spirit of life and peace, that we may bear fruit with abundance.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

We offer to your extravagant love those people and concerns that fill our hearts, remembering especially Niles, Robbie, Elise, Jane, Amelia, Margaret, Gordon, Webb, David, Linda, David, Helen, Tony, Anthony, Penny, Dwight, Tommy, Jennifer, Matthew, Katie and the leadership and people of Ukraine. Pray also for the people of Russia who wish for peace and an end to the war. Are there others?

We give you thanks for the blessings of this life, especially The Helen Mitsui Shared Blessings Thrift Shop. Are there other thanksgivings?

We know that he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to our mortal bodies through the Spirit that dwells in us. We pray for those who have died. We pray especially for Kenneth Baker Holden who was buried in the Christ Memorial garden on Thursday. Are there others who have died?
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
**and the hills be clothed with joy.**

*Presider: Gracious and Loving God, you have planted your Spirit within all creation: Nurture and bring to fruition your graceful intention to accomplish that which you purpose and succeed in the things for which you have sent your word, that life and peace may*

*grow into the abundance that fills the world with your joy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.* **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and People:*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

**Absolution:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Sharing of the Peace**

*Celebrant*: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
*People:* **And also with you.**

**The Holy Communion**

**Doxology** *(Hawaiian)*

**Ho'o-na-ni i ka Ma-ku-a mau,**
**Ke kei-ki me ka U-ha-ne no,**
**Ke Aku-a mau Ho'o-mai-ka'i pu,**
**Ko ke-ia ao, ko ke-la ao. `Amene.**

*Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.
*People:* **And also with you.**
*Celebrant*: Lift up your hearts.
*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**
*Celebrant*: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**
*Celebrant*: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant*: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant*: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
*People*: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant*: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us.**
**By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in 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.***

*The Celebrant continues:* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the

forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
*People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca,
Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior
Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.**
**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**AMEN.**

**E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani, E ho'āno 'ia Kou inoa, E hiki mai Kou aupuni, E**

**mālama 'ia Kou makemake ma ka honua nei.**

**E like me 'ia i mālama'ia ma ka lani lā. E kala mai ho'i iā mākou i kā mākou lawehala 'ana, Me mākou e kala nei i ka po'e i lawehala i kā mākou.**

**Mai ho'oku'u 'oe iā mākou i ka ho'owalewale 'ia mai, E ho'opakele nō na'e iā mākou i ka 'ino. No ka mea,**
**No uke apuni, a me ka mana, a me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa aku.**
**AMENE.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant*: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
*People:* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*Celebrant*: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn • music •**

**The Ministration of Communion**

**Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.
*People:* **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**• Closing Hymn • 657 • Love divine, all loves excelling •**

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluiah, alleluia

*People:* **Thanks be to God. Alleluiah, alleluia.**

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