



Community Church of Honolulu

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Worship
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Ascension Sunday

The story of resurrection reminds us that our faith and the fruits of its living in our lives are not matters to be put off until the end of life. Even as resurrection happens all around us, the work of Easter Season is to consider how we live our lives...and whether the legacy we leave after we're gone will matter at all depends in large part on the legacy we choose to live now.

We Gather

Sounding of the Pu

In ancient Jerusalem, a ram's horn was sounded for the call to worship and in ancient Hawai`i, the Pu was sounded to proclaim the presence of the King. We sound the Pu as the call to worship and to remind us that the King of Kings is present.

Prelude

"The Old Rugged Cross"
CCH Ukulele Mele Band

Welcome, Announcements, and Call to Worship *Marti Taba*

Leader: God invites us to live boldly in response to resurrection.

All: We are called to build a community of justice and grace grounded in the teachings of Jesus.

Leader: We are reminded again and again that there is always enough.

All: Form us into faithful people learning to build and live a legacy of love.

Let us worship God together!

Song of Gathering – "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!

To his throne beyond the skies; Alleluia!

Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, Alleluia!

Enters now the highest heav'n! Alleluia!

**There for him high triumph waits: Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates; Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of glory in. Alleluia!**

**Highest heav'n its Lord receives; Alleluia!
Yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!
Though returning to his throne, Alleluia!
Still he calls the world his own. Alleluia!**

**There with you we shall remain, Alleluia!
Share the glory of your reign, Alleluia!
There your face unclouded view, Alleluia!
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in you. Alleluia!**

Invitation to Silence and Reflection

Pastor Amy Butler

During this Confessional Examen we will reflect on how we have and have not chosen to become a living legacy.

Take a deep breath. Feel the love and support of the community around you. And now I invite you to consider. When did you feel most fully alive this week? When didn't you? What might be getting in the way? Is it something outside of yourself? Is it something inside of yourself? Try not to be judgmental, simply notice.

What feelings or thoughts make it hard to believe in new life in God's love?

What feelings or thoughts make it hard for you to see new life in dead or dying relationships?

What feelings or thoughts make it hard to see new life in the dead or dying parts of yourself?

Musical Reflection

Hari Bayani, flute

"Adagio (Flute Sonata No. 4 in G minor)"

Michel Blavet

Now let us join our voices offering all those things that came to mind up to God, saying...

**All: Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

Assurance of Pardon

Pastor Amy Butler

Jesus said “I am the resurrection and the life. You don’t have to wait for the End. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all.” Hearing these words of scripture know that you are loved, you are forgiven, be at peace. **Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Pastor Amy Butler

Let us now share a sign of that peace with one another:
May the peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you.

Song of Response Sanctuary (2x)

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

TEXT: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982
MUSIC: John Thompson and Randy Scruggs, 1982; arr. Nylea L. Butler-Moore

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We Listen

Prayer for illumination

Mona Chock

Let us pray.

Calm us now, O Lord, into a quietness that heals and listens. Open our wounded hearts to the balm of your Word. Speak to us with a clarity that calls us to action, responding to resurrection with our very lives. Amen.

Psalter

Mona Chock

Acts 1:3-5

After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’

Gospel Lesson

Mona Chock

Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Sermon “You Cannot Be What You Cannot See”

Pastor Amy Butler

We Respond

Song of Response – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah! (2x)**

**Now Christ is raised up from death,
He will never die again.
All who follow His way shall have life in Him:
Hallelujah, hallelujah! (Refrain)**

Prayers of the People *Pastor Amy Butler and Mona Chock*
*As we work to build a community of justice and grace it is essential to hold one another in prayer. Now is the moment when we share joys and concerns. After each person shares, please join me in responding: **Lord hear our prayer.** Marti will be here with the microphone and then we will pray together.*

**Our Father which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Invitation to Give

Pastor Amy Butler

**Choral Anthem “I Will Be with You” – James E. Moore, Jr.
Tyler Shimabukuro, baritone soloist**

“I will be with you!” That is my promise. “I will be with you for evermore.” Trust in my love. Bring me all your cares, for I will be with you for evermore.

You are my people, and I am your God. I made you a promise, to be with you always, because I really love you. I really love you, and I will be with you for evermore.

You have received me, now go and spread my word. You are within me and I am in you, because I really love you. I really love you, and I will be with you for evermore.

Doxology *“Ka Mele Ho `omaika `i”*
Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*
Ke Keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō *Praise Him all creatures here below*
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū *Praise him above ye heavenly host¹*
Kō kēia ao, Kō kēlā ao. *Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.*

Closing Hymn – “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

Lord, You give the great commission: “Heal the sick and preach the word.”

**Lest the Church neglect its mission, and the Gospel go unheard,
Help us witness to Your purpose with renewed integrity;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You call us to Your service: “In my name baptize and teach.”
That the world may trust Your promise, life abundant meant for each,**

**Give us all new fervor, draw us closer in community;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

**Lord, You bless with words assuring: “I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as You intend,
And, amid the cares that claim us, hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit’s gifts empower us for the work of ministry.**

We Change

Multi-voice Benediction

Marti Taba, Mona Chock and Brent Uyeno

Queen's Prayer

O kou a-lo-ha no

A-i-a i ka La-ni,

A`o kou oi-a i-o

He he-mo-le-le ho`i. Amene

O Lord, Thy loving mercy

Is high as the heavens

It tells us of Thy truth

And `tis filled with holiness. Amen

Postlude

Hari Bayani, organ
“Ascension Fanfare and Toccata”

Altar flowers by Sandy Nishimura:

Happy Mother’s Day!

Serving you in church this morning are:

Designated Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Amy Butler

Lay Reader: Mona Chock

Other Participants: Marti Taba, Brent Uyeno

Deacons: Kathy Chock, Lucille Choy, Liz Chun, Stephen Chun, Sue Ann Lau, Paul Murakami, Trudy Okada, David Taba, Brent Uyeno, Sharlene Yamauchi, Kathy Young, and Mike Young

Music Director: Hari Bayani

Members of the CCH Choir: Woody Chock, Mitchell Chun, Brent Uyeno, Carl Wheeler, Robbie Berkstresser, Sharon Chun, Ellen Kawata, Trudy Okada, Tyler Shimabukuro, Amy Taba and Lori Wong

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Aloha Hour

Please join our Fellowship Team in Stephen Mark Hall
after worship today

CCH Adult Bible Studies

CCH Bible Study meets Tuesday, 3:30 PM - 4:30 PM on Zoom. Go to
www.cchonolulu.org and scroll to CCH Bible Study tab, click on it to get
into the Zoom room. It's that easy! Hope to see you there.

Tai Chi Class on Saturdays

8:30 a.m. with Sifu Calvin C. Ching in the Makai Patio

Next week's scripture reading is:

Acts 2:1-21

(Pentecost Sunday)

Wear Red!

SERMON NOTES