



August 20, 2023

12th Sunday After Pentecost

"Ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono" (The life of the land is perpetuated in righteousness, Hawaii state motto).

TIME OF QUIET PREPARATION

Worship begins with the prelude. Please quiet and prepare yourself for worship. Relax your body; quiet the inner dialogue of your mind; be open and receptive to God's Spirit in our midst.

PRELUDE

"God is My Strong Salvation"

Gordon Young

Organist, Larry Gillum

*CHORAL INTROIT

WELCOME The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

*CALL TO WORSHIP: ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 40:31 Liturgist, Patti Dolezal

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

He gives strength to the weak and energy to the faint.

For those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Let us give thanks! Let us sing in praise!

Let us join God in hope for tomorrow!

*OPENING HYMN No. 288

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O Lord our God, let the shelter of your wings give us hope. Protect us and uphold us. When you are our strength, we are strong, but when our strength is our own, we are weak. When we trust in you, your goodness lasts forever, and when we turn away, we wallow in the pain of hopelessness. God, let us come home to you, abide in your love and live into your hope.

Silent Prayer of Confession

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Response "Gloria Patri" (Hymnal #579)

*Please stand if you are able.

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

Lamentations 3:15-24, CEB

READING FROM THE GOSPEL Luke 24:13-35, NRSV

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Requiem" Gilkyson

Director, Rich Dixon

MESSAGE "Ohana Means Family" The Rev. Dr. Christine Dempsey

MEDITATION AND *HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 43 FROM GLORY TO GOD (INSERT)

"You Who Dwell In the Shelter of the Lord"

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Come Away to the Skies" from Southern Harmony Dale Wood

*DoxoLogy (Hymnal # 592)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

God of healing, We offer these gifts today for your use to restore those who suffer from tragedy, for those who feel hopeless, and for those who long for peace and stability. May they feel these gifts as an assurance of your love and as a promise for restoration in body and spirit. In the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The congregation responds, "hear our prayer" following each petition which concludes, "God, in your grace..."

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 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.

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

(Not merely announcements, but the activities of our life together that reflect our day-to-day responses to God's call for faithfulness and your invitation to join in!)

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 562 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" MELITA

*BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Tune: St. Anne (210)

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 21

4:00 pm—Sign Choir

6:30 pm—Session

Thursday, August 24

6:30 pm—Chancel Choir

Friday, August 25

9:30 am-Merry Marthas

Sunday, August 27

8:15 am—Adult Sunday School

10:00 am— Worship (Livestream available)

11:00 am - Pie Social

See the full church calendar on www.pccrusa.org

Announcements

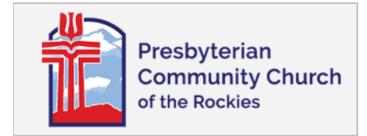
Maui Donations—If you would like your offering today to go toward relief for victims of the Maui fires, please note that on your envelope or check memo.

Fellowship Time—Join us after worship today for coffee and treats hosted by the Mission and Outreach Committee.

Blessing of the Animals—At 1 pm today, there will be a Blessing of the Animals Service in the Outdoor Chapel. All pet animals – dogs, cats, horses, llamas, birds, fish and others – are welcome to come and receive an individual blessing. If your pet would not be comfortable, bring a picture or other representation, such as a toy animal.

Bake or buy, bring a pie!—On Sunday, August 27, after worship we will hold our annual Pie Social! Bring a pie to share and stick around to enjoy a hymn sing!

If you have prayer requests you'd like to share with the congregation, please contact Pastor Christine at pastor@pccrusa.org, or call 970-586-4404 (church).



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