



Community Church of Honolulu

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

9:00 a.m.

Welcome to Worship
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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

Hari Bayani, organ

"Air (from Water Music)"
George Frideric Handel

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 – "Gather Us In"

Here in this place new light is streaming,

now is the darkness vanished away,

See in this space our fears and our dreaming,

brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken,

**gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty,
gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven light years away, but
Here is this place the new light is shining,
now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever,
gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

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 in E minor)”

George Frideric Handel

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

Kathy Young

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.

Gospel Lesson

Kathy Young

Luke 24:13-35

That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What is this conversation which you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, named Cle'opas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not

know the things that have happened there in these days?” And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since this happened. Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; and they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb, and found it just as the women had said; but him they did not see.” And he said to them, “O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself. So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He appeared to be going further, but they constrained him, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognized him; and he vanished out of their sight. They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the scriptures?” And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven gathered together and those who were with them, who said, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

“Mind Your Manners”

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 Kathy Young*
*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

Communion

Invitation
Deacons Come Forward
Words of Institution
Prayer of Blessing
Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn – “Eat This Bread”
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Invitation to Give

Pastor Amy Butler

Choral Anthem *“Two Were Bound for Emmaus” – Bob Hurd*

Two were bound for Emmaus, disheartened and lost; all their hope for the future had been nailed to a cross. Love unknown then walked beside them, come back from the dead, and they knew he was risen in the breaking of bread.

On the Sea of Tiberius, when the night was nearly gone and their toil seemed so useless, not one fish had they caught, from the shore the stranger called to them: "Cast your net, friends, once more." And they filled it to bursting, but the net was not torn.

Then they knew it was Jesus and they hastened in to shore; bread and fish for their breakfast from the hands of their Lord. "O Peter, if you love me you must care for my sheep; if you follow your Shepherd, then a shepherd you'll be."

When the road makes us weary, when our labor seems but loss, when the fire of faith weakens and too high seems the cost, let the Church turn to its risen Lord who for us bore the cross, and we'll find our hearts burning at the sound of his voice.

Doxology

“Ka Mele Ho `omaika `i”

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| Ho'onani i ka Makua mau | <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow</i> |
| Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō | <i>Praise Him all creatures here below</i> |
| Ke Akua mau ho'omaika'i pū | <i>Praise him above ye heavenly host</i> |
| Kō kēia ao, Kō kēlā ao. | <i>Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.</i> |

Closing Hymn – “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!

All creation, join to say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!

Sing, O heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!

Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!

Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!

Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!

Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!

Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!

Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

We Change

Multi-voice Benediction *Amy Taba, Marti Taba, Kathy Young*

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

“Grand March (from ‘Aida’)”

Giuseppe Verdi

Altar flowers by Evelyn Lam:

In loving memory of Sun Kien (Sunny) Lam

Serving you in church this morning are:

Designated Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Amy Butler

Lay Reader: Kathy Young

Other Participants: Amy Taba, Marti Taba

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 readings are:

Luke 24:44-53 and Acts 1:1-11

SERMON NOTES