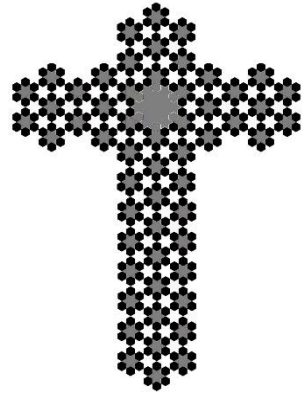


# FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 10, 2023

10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion: Rite II



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## WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

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**We have gluten-free wafers available:** Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

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# GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**VOLUNTARY**

Lord of the Dance

John Behnke

*[During the Voluntary, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

God Is Here

ABBOT'S LEIGH

**God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.**

**Here are symbols to remind us of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit; here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching, here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal, God the Spirit comes to each.**

**Lord of all, of church and kingdom, in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel; help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication, all we have to give, receive:  
we, who cannot live without you, we adore you! We believe!**

**THE OPENING ACCLAMATION**

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray... Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

# THE WORD OF GOD

*The people sit.*

## THE FIRST READING

Exodus 12:1-14

*Lector*      *The First Reading is taken from Exodus chapter 12...*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;  
 a-mid all the saints God's prais-es pro-long;  
 a song to your Ma-ker and Rul-er now raise,  
 all child-ren of Zi-on re-joice and give praise.

With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,  
 with glad-ness, O God, we praise your great name;  
 for now in your peo-ple good plea-sure you seek;  
 with robes of sal-va-tion you cov-er the meek.

In glo-ry ex-alt, all saints of the Lord; with song in the night high prais-es ac-cord;  
 go forth in God's ser-vice and strong in God's might  
 to con-quer all e-vil and stand for the right.

For this is God's word; the saints shall not fail,  
 but o-ver the earth their pow-er shall pre-vail;  
 all king-doms and na-tions shall yield to their sway.  
 To God give the glo-ry, sing prais-es for aye.

## THE SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-14

*Lector*        *The Second Reading is taken from Romans chapter 13...*

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Lector*        **The Word of the Lord.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand as able.*

## THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John Schiavone

*All sing this refrain, soloist sings the verse:*



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Solo: The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower.  
All who come to him will have life forever. Alleluia. **(Refrain)**

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*Deacon* Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*The people sit.*

## SERMON

The Rev. Whitney Burton

**NICENE CREED** *All stand as able.*

*People*

**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** *Please sit, stand, or kneel, as you prefer.*

*Deacon*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

*Lector*

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Lord, in your mercy

*People*

**Hear our prayer.**

*Lector*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We give thanks for the flowers given to the Glory of God, and for all the blessings of this life, especially the birthdays this coming week of Ted Dorner, Frank Kneen, Sloan Punch, and The Rev Mary Anne Dorner.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially . . . [*add names from notebook*] and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*], give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, (especially . . . [*add names from notebook*]) and those we now name aloud or in our hearts [*leave time*] that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:**

*Please kneel or stand as able.*

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*Silence is kept.*)

*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.**

*Celebrant* 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.

*All* **Amen.**

### **THE GREETING OF PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

*Please be seated.*

### **OFFERTORY**

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table

Michael Corzine  
Tony Halfhide, Soloist

### **THE PRESENTATION**

*All stand as able.*

*Deacon* We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

### **PRESENTATION HYMN**

We Give Thee but Thine Own

SCHUMANN

**We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Proper Preface)*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices

with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

*All* **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. Hosanna in the highest.**

**S-125**



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*All*            **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People*        **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

*People*        **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.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## THE FRACTION ANTHEM S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to receive the Sacrament. If you would like to receive wine you may do so by sipping from the Chalice or allowing the Eucharistic Minister to intinct (dip) the wafer for you. If you desire a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest.*

**COMMUNION** In Thee Alone, O Christ, My Lord Johann Pachelbel  
(1653-1706)

**COMMUNION HYMN H-660** O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee MARYTON

**O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.**

**Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,**

**In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give,  
with thee, O Master, let me live.**

## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us pray...

*All* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
 a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
 and an immortal crown.

A cloud of witnesses around hold thee in full survey;  
 forget the steps already trod, and onward urge your way,  
 and onward urge your way.

'Tis God's all-animating voice that calls thee from on high;  
 'tis his own hand presents the prize to thine aspiring eye,  
 to thine aspiring eye.

Then wake, my soul, stretch every nerve, and press with vigor on;  
 a heavenly race demands thy zeal, and an immortal crown,  
 and an immortal crown.

### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### VOLUNTARY

Postlude on HYMN TO JOY

Jason D. Payne

### SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	The Rev. Whitney Burton
Deacon	The Rev. Cindy Roehl
Organist/Choirmaster	Tom Huffman
Crucifer/Server	Nancy Vallely
Torch/Chalicists	Joe Nixon & Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Lectors	Alan Mackay & Sally Miller
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benitez-Nixon
Ushers	Marc Jacobson & Alan Mackay
Building & Grounds	Robin Megel
Welcome Table	Robin Megel, Lynne Henderson, Anne Punch
Soloist	Tony Halfhide

**Prayers are requested for:**

**The Week of Sep 3** – Shirley V, Jackson C, Jessica B, Dylan E, Linda T, Bill GW, Jason C, Jim, Marilyn, Sue V, Sharon G, Maureen B, David Q, Adam R, Dennis M, Lydia D, Heather S, Lou F, Colette S, Bonnie L, Bob S, Andrea G, Tony S, Olena & family, Russ Z, Mandeville, Milly L, Elena G, Rebecca G, those affected by the hurricane, Adriana P, Richard B, Jim W, Richard T, Elliot T, Christopher J.

**Celebrations this week: Birthdays** – Ted Dorner, Frank Kneen, Sloan Punch, and The Rev Mary Anne Dorner.

**Announcements**

**Children’s Sermon:** We invite all children to join Pastor Whitney for a children’s sermon at the beginning of the 10am service TODAY.

**Bagzilla collections for next Sunday, Sep 17:** Dunedin Cares Inc. Food Pantry Wish List – Canned fruit, canned chicken/tuna, peanut butter, pasta sauce, cooking oil, ketchup/mustard, mayo/salad dressings, sugar/flour, ground coffee, canned soup, instant mashed potatoes/gravy, baked beans, rice, jelly, and Vienna sausages/Spam.

**Christian Formation Classes** have resumed. Adult classes will be at 9:15 am, and the Children’s Sunday School will be at 10:00 am. We hope you will join us!

**Supporting the Episcopal Diocese of Hawai‘i after Wildfires:** Please [pray](#) for the people impacted by the fires. If you would like to help, donations to the [Hawai‘i Emergency Response Fund](#) will support Episcopal Relief & Development and its partners as they respond.

<https://support.episcopalrelief.org/maui-wildfire-2023>