



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

“Sharing the Blessing of God’s Grace with Aloha”

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14th Saturday after Pentecost

September 9, 2017

6:30 pm

God calls us to be a welcoming people! Welcome to people new to faith, to Christians of every flavor, and to long time Lutherans. Welcome to all with no church home, who need strength, want to follow, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new guests and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, ability and gift, to gay and straight, to old and young, to believers and questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where we live past the labels, where we are welcome to celebrate and grieve, rejoice and recover. This is a place where our lives are made new. Welcome to worship God on this day!

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in tonight's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

Please gather as the sounding of the conch shell calls us to worship.

A TIME TO BE STILL

During the *Stillness* please center your thoughts on *Makua*—God the Creator, *Keiki Kane*—Jesus Christ our Redeemer, and *‘Uhane Hemolele*—the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

GATHERING *standing and singing* (see song sheets)

Song 821
Hymn 838

“Shout to the Lord”
“Beautiful Savior”

GREETING *standing*

KAHU: Jesus says, “*Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*”

ALL: **Amen.**

KAHU: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION *and* FORGIVENESS, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,
**ALL: we cling to our guilt instead of letting your grace free us.
We continue in our sin rather than letting your love
change our lives.**

**We turn your church inward. We keep it comfortable for
us. We treat it as our own personal property.**

Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us.

**Make us into your church powered by love,
speaking for what is right,
acting for what is just,
and seeking the healing of your whole creation.**

KAHU: *God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to
empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's
love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who
will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.*

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA *seated*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7–11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

ONE: ⁷So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. ¹⁰Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we

waste away because of them; how then can we live?" ¹¹Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM, *read responsively*

Psalm 119: 33–40

³³Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

³⁵Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13: 8–14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

ONE: ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The 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." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides 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; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.

reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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GOSPEL *standing*

Matthew 18: 15–20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"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.

¹⁶But 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. ¹⁷If 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.

¹⁸Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹Again, 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.

²⁰For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“FORGIVENESS is POWER”

SERMON HYMN 603 *standing* “God, when Human Bonds Are Broken”
(Sung to GALILEE—“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

“The Apostles’ Creed”

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the

forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *seated*

KAHU: Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church universal.

ALL: **Reconcile our differences. Forgive our divisions. Unite us at your table. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua*** (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *We pray for your creation.*

ALL: **Increase our stewardship of all that you have given to us. Let the earth flourish for those who come after us. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: *We pray for peace in the world.*

ALL: **End conflicts among nation. Help leaders and citizens to listen truly to one another and to act for the good of all. Teach us by your example. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: *We pray for all those in need.*

ALL: **Bind up our hurts. Heal divisions in our families, friendships, and neighborhoods. Comfort those who need your special care. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: *We pray for this congregation.*

ALL: **Make us signs of your love and forgiveness in this community and in the world. Help us to grow in our love for one another. Your mercy is great, *Aloha ke Akua.***

W.H.A.L.E., a time of thanks for answered prayer and prayer requests.

KAHU: *Let us pray in thanksgiving for all the faithful witnesses who put on the Lord Jesus Christ.*

ALL: **Keep us faithful until the day we rejoice in your majesty with them. Your mercy is great, Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: *Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.*

ALL: **Amen.**

Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, *Amie*

“Pomaika‘i”
(Blessing)

DOXOLOGY *standing*

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.
Ke Akua mau ho‘omaika‘i pū. Kō kēia ao kō kēlā ao. Amene.

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

OFFERING PRAYER *standing*

KAHU: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

KAHU: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them to the Lord.

KAHU: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

KAHU: In the night in which he was betrayed our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In a similar manner, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(traditional)*

ALL: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

At Calvary by the Sea all those who have a relationship with Jesus Christ and those who are seeking such a relationship are invited to experience the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of Holy Communion. You are invited to follow the direction of the Kahu and come forward to encircle the altar area. There are kneelers for those who prefer to kneel. Dip the bread in either the red wine or the white grape juice and then eat the element.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts

that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 596 *standing* “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God, *creator of all things*, speaking reformation into being;
Jesus, Christ, *savior of the world*, raising the dead;
Holy Spirit, *living voice*, calling and enlightening the church:

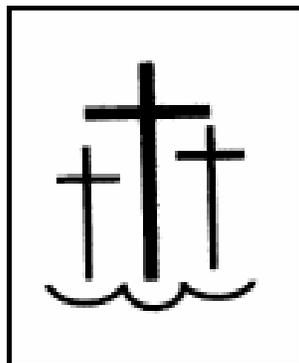
Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, September 9, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS; PIANIST: Tom Poole

MUSIC: Amie Lawyer, *guitar*

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WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, September 10—Pentecost 14

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Saturday, September 16—Pentecost 15

Saturday Service Held in ‘Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, September 17—Pentecost 15

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Offertory”

Friday, September 22—Peace Day Celebration

6:30 pm, Honpa Hongwanji (Pali)

Featured Speaker, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Imagine”