



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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16th Sunday after Pentecost ***Remembering Queen Liliʻuokalani***

September 4, 2016

7:30 am

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

We gather in the name of Christ, remembering Queen Lili'uokalani on her 178th birthday (September 2, 1838). Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be strengthened in this hour to choose life in God as our own.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“Ku‘u Pua I Paoakalani”

RINGING OF THE BELL

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

GREETING, *Kahu Tim*

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

ALL: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God:

the only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
 Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
 the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

ALL: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, by singing “The Queen’s Prayer.”

1. 'O kou a - lo - ha nō A - i - a i ka la - ni,
 2. Ko'u no - ho mi - hi 'ana A pa - 'a - ha - o 'i - a
 3. Mai nā - nā 'i - no - 'ino Nā he - wa o kā - na - ka
 4. Nō lai - la e ka Haku Ma la - lo o kou 'ē - he - u

A 'o kou 'o - iā 'i - 'o He he - mo - le - le ho'i.
 'O 'o - e ku - 'u la - ma Kou na - ni ko - 'u ko'o. A - me - ne.
 A - kā e hu - i - ka - la A ma - 'e - ma - 'e nō.
 Kō mā - kou ma - lu - hi - a A mau loa a - ku nō.

Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow imprisoned; you are my light, your glory my support. Behold not with malevolence the sins of humankind, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O Lord, beneath your wings be our peace forever more.

[In June 1893, after having been deposed from the throne in Hawai'i, the imprisoned Queen Lili'uokalani wrote a hymn to tell of her love of God, so great that she asked that even the sins of those who imprisoned her be forgiven.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15–20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

ONE: ¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments,

decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 1

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel [|] of the wicked,
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats [|] of the scornful!**

²Their delight is in the law [|] of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching [|] day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that [|] do not wither;
everything they [|] do shall prosper.

⁴It is not so [|] with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind [|] blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when [|] judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council [|] of the righteous.

⁶For the LORD knows the way [|] of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall [|] be destroyed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL *standing*

Luke 14: 25–33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

KAHU: ²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“HOW MUCH DOES A CROSS WEIGH?!”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *standing*

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 *standing*

KAHU: Rejoicing in the Spirit’s work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God),

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: Let us pray for all of creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the lands and the oceans, especially the *Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument*. May the fish stocks be replenished, the extensive coral reefs preserved, and the marine habitats abound. *Aloha ke Akua,*

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers.
Aloha ke Akua,

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Let us pray for the church organizations, including Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the Church World Service, that through their work life, hope and prosperity may be shown to all struggling with beginning life again. *Aloha ke Akua,*

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Let us pray for Calvary by the Sea and our community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Let us also pray for the delegates attending the World Conservation Congress in Honolulu this week. May a healthier relationship with God's planet be restored through hearts and minds revived and refreshed by the forgiveness and grace of Christ. *Aloha ke Akua.*

ALL: Your mercy is great.

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

KAHU: Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who rest from their labors, especially Queen Lili'uokalani. Instruct us by her witness, her ability to forgive, her love for the people and the land called Hawai'i, and bring us, with her, into the promised land. *Aloha ke Akua,*

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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, *organ*

“He Pule”

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *standing*

The Sanctus is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the

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highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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 *in unison*

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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*

ALL: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 808 *standing* “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.

The hand of God protect you;
the holy angels accompany you;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be with you now and forever.

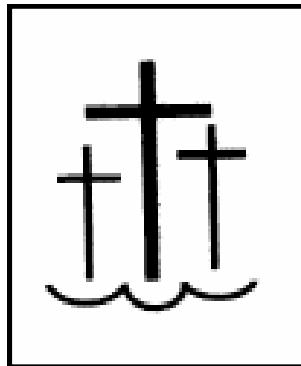
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *organ*

“Ahe Lau Makani”



Today, September 4, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

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