



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2017

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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Ina*

“Deep River”

A TIME TO BE STILL (*RINGING OF THE BELL*)

During the *Stillness* and 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 *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 afraid of 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.

KYRIE *standing*

The liturgy continues with the ***Kyrie*** on page 120 in the front of the hymnal.

GLORIA *standing*

The *Gloria* begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing your will, 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

Jonah 3: 10—4: 11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?

ONE: ¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry.

²He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." ⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

PSALM, *sung responsively*

Psalm 145: 1–8

- ¹I will exalt you, my [|] God and king,
and bless your name forev- [|] er and ever.
- ²Every day [|] will I bless you
and praise your name forev- [|] er and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly [|] to be praised!
There is no end [|] to your greatness.
- ⁴One generation shall praise your works [|] to another

and shall de- | clare your power.

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁶They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

⁸The LORD is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

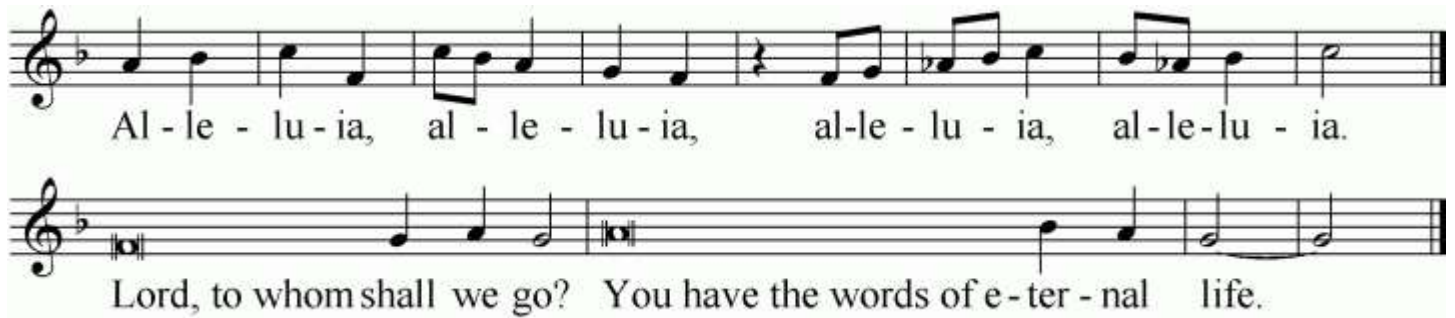
SECOND READING

Philippians 1: 21–30

Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

ONE: ²¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. ²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 20: 1–16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them,

ALL: **'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'**

KAHU: So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them,

ALL: **'Why are you standing here idle all day?'**

KAHU: ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them,

ALL: **'You also go into the vineyard.'**

KAHU: ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

ALL: **'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.'**

KAHU: ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day

and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them,

ALL: 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you.

¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

KAHU: ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

MEDITATION, *Kathryn Xian*

SERMON HYMN 765 *standing*

“Lord of All Hopefulness”

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.

Let us pray for the church and its ministry.

ALL: Unite us in one Spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Let us pray for all we see and all we know.

ALL: God who created the expanding universe, we thank and praise you for the gift of the sun, moon, stars, mountains, valleys, oceans, reefs, grasslands, and deserts. We thank you for the gift of knowledge, inquiring minds, and the desire to explore and to understand. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of great mercy and love,

ALL: you show faithfulness and kindness to the world every day. Guard those who suffer because of dishonest policies, corrupt government, or unfair labor practices. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: God, you provide for all our needs.

ALL: We pray for those who are homeless, jobless, or hopeless. We pray for those who are forgotten, ignored, or isolated. We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico and the hurricanes in the Caribbean. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: We pray for our congregation and our neighborhood.

ALL: Accompany us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Give us joy in the present and hope for the future. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: God of endings and beginnings,

ALL: we remember before you all the faithful departed.
Comfort those who mourn. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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, *Ina* “Nobody Know the Trouble I’ve Seen”

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.

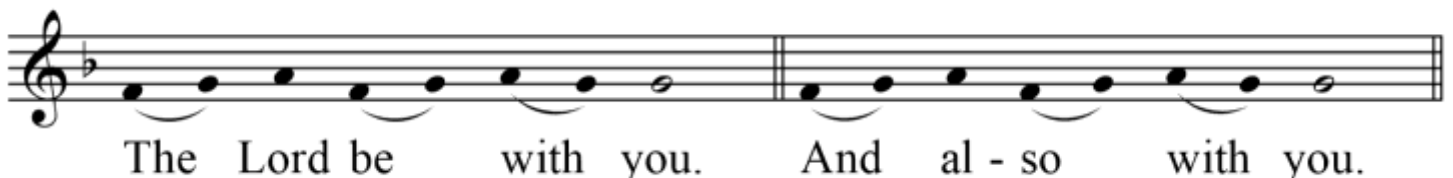
*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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 *(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.

ALL: **Amen.**

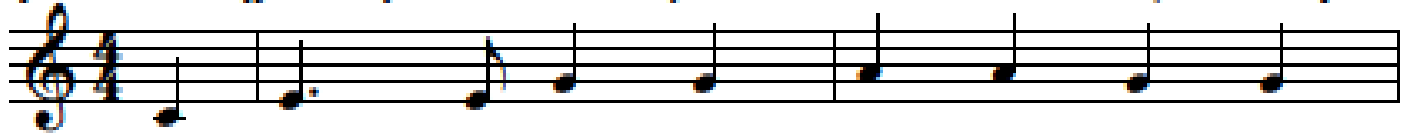
WE ARE SENT

God, Bless the Hands

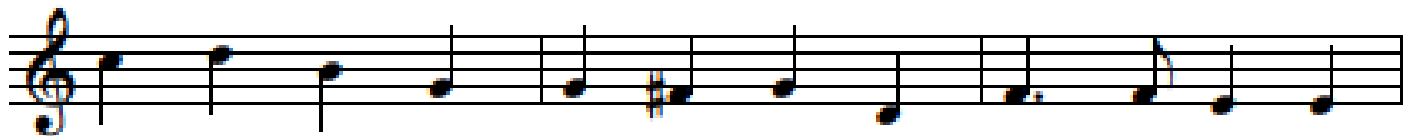
for all those affected by Hurricane Harvey

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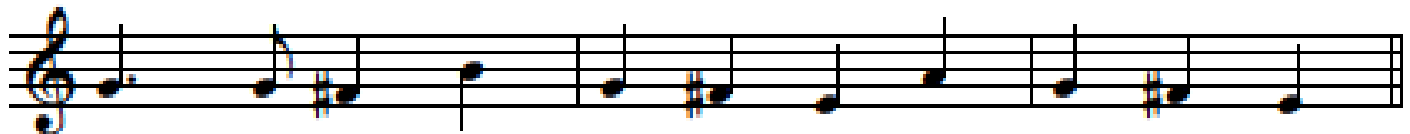
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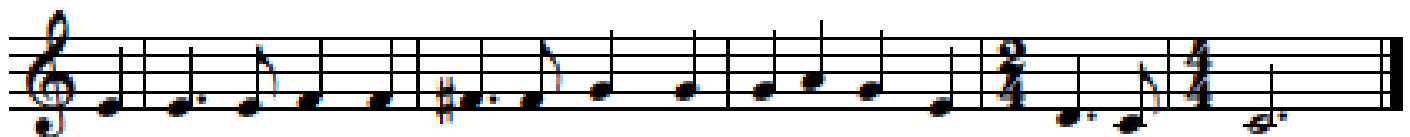
God, bless the hands stretched out in love through
Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left
O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our



floods be - low and storms a - bove; They search and res - cue,
bro - ken, emp - tied by the storm; Give hope to those in
hope while storms of life en - dure; Teach us to live in



com - fort, calm, give shel - ter, of - fer heal - ing balm.
deep - est grief, and show us how to bring re - lief.
har - mon - y, with earth and riv - er, sky and sea.



O guide us with your heal - ing hand, reach out in love and help us stand.
To you, O God, we raise our hands, save us, we pray, from sink - ing sands.
to nur - ture wat - ers, air and lands as ho - ly work for hu - man hands.

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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.

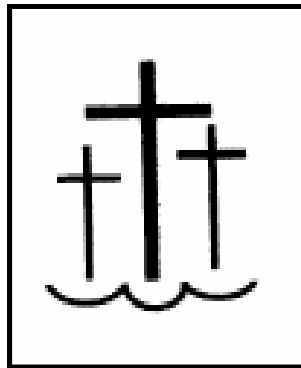
KAHU: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“Lobe den Herren”



Calvary welcomes to the services today Kathryn Xian, the Executive Director of the Pacific Alliance to Stop Slavery in Honolulu. Kathryn is a fourth generation Korean-American and the great-granddaughter of the celebrated Korean national hero, Won Kiu Ahn. She is a consultant and expert for the federal government in anti-human trafficking efforts, and currently sits on the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services’ SOAR Technical Working Group, which is responsible for updating and creating national anti-trafficking training for health care providers, public health professionals and social services.

INTERCESSIONS FOR HEALING

Individual and private *Intercessions for Healing* will be offered today following the morning worship by members of the Stephen Ministry. Please go to the back of the sanctuary following the *Benediction* for anointing and intercessory prayers for healing. Calvary by the Sea, in its ministry of healing, does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather Calvary by the Sea offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in this community of faith.

Today, September 24, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

GUEST SPEAKER: Kathryn Xian

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Five—Kelly Holden, Jeanie Evans, *leaders*

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick

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WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Saturday, September 30—Pentecost 17

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Ms. Amie

Sunday, October 1—Pentecost 17

Installation of Montessori Preschool Faculty (10 am)

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

4:00 pm, October 1—Annual Pet Blessing

Beneath Calvary Arbor

Calvary 'Ohana Retreat

Friday—Sunday (Monday), October 6-8 (9)

Sunday Worship @ Camp

9:30-10:30 am

Preaching, Pastor Laura Ziehl

Music, Camp Drummers, Calvary Choir

Saturday, October 7—Pentecost 18

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, October 8—Pentecost 18

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom, "Make Me a Channel"