

Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2015

10:00 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

Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING *organ*

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

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.**

GATHERING SONG *standing*

“Pili Pa‘a”

Refrain

Pi - li pa - 'a no kā - u - a, me ke_a - lo - ha a mau
lo - a. We come to geth - er in love and hope, to stand as one.

Verses

1. And in our one-ness we are called to be the chil-dren of the Lord:

One in our hopes, one in our faith, one in our love.

2. And in our walk we are called to be the ser-vants of the Lord:

To vis - it the sick, to clothe the poor, to feed the lost.

3. We share this prayer, prayer of thanks to bless this bread and cup of wine

fruit of the vine, grain of the fields, work of our hands.

4. And as we go forth from this place we go as signs of the living God:

Signs of new hope, signs of new life, of a new day!

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,
**ALL: have mercy on us. We confess to you all the ways we turn
from you to serve ourselves.**

**In your compassion,
turn us around,
forgive our sins,
heal our hurts,
reconcile our relationships.**

**Bring forth from us
harvests of hospitality and righteousness,
fruits of gentleness and peacemaking, and
sheaves of wisdom and justice;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: People of God:
In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,
Receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.
Your transgressions are forgiven.
God's love is healing balm for your wounds.
Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS *and* **SHARING OF ALOHA** *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Nā Leo Kamali'i* “I Know That God Loves Me”
“I Can Praise the Lord”

FIRST READING

Genesis 2: 18–24

Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other "one flesh." The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).

ONE: ¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle,

and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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, read responsively*

Mark 10: 2–16

Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.

KAHU: ²Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked,

ALL: "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?"

KAHU: ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said,

ALL: "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her."

KAHU: ⁵But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he

wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' ⁷'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter.

¹¹He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."

¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“The Gift of Relationship”

SERMON HYMN 656 *standing*

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

APOSTLES’ CREED *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.

WORDS FROM *Hawaiian Humane Society*, Bonnie Oda

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Made alive with God in Christ, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

Holy and loving God, through the cross of Christ, continue your redeeming and unifying work among your people.

ALL: Show both Calvary by the Sea and your church universal how to live well with each other as one family. Lord, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Strengthen the bonds between humans and the animals living and working with them: on farms, in households, and in emergency situations.

ALL: Teach us to love these creatures, and to value all animals. Lord, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Walk faithfully with those who find great joy in relationships and with those who experience the pain of broken relationships.

ALL: Make the church a place where all people may come to know loving companionship. Lord, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Lift up your children who suffer, and especially your children of all ages who are bent and broken.

ALL: By your presence, restore their hope. Lord, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Guide and direct sisters and brothers in Christ who are engaged in specialized ministry for the sake of the world.

ALL: Lord, hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: We bless you for the lives of the saints, through whom you have revealed your love for the world.

ALL: Continue to reveal your covenant life through us until the last day. Lord, hear our prayer.

KAHU: Gather these concerns and all who are in need into your abundant care, O God, remembering your promise of mercy, through Christ our Lord.

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, *Calvary Choir* “Na Ke Akua ‘Oe E Kia‘i” (God Will Take Care of You)

Do not fret when troubles come, God is watching;
Under his wings God will provide you with shelter.

Hui:

God will always watch over you,
God will provide you with shelter; God will watch over you.

When you are tired and breathless, God is watching;
When misfortune comes, God will provide you with shelter.

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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high-est. 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*

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*

KAHU: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 774 *standing* “What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

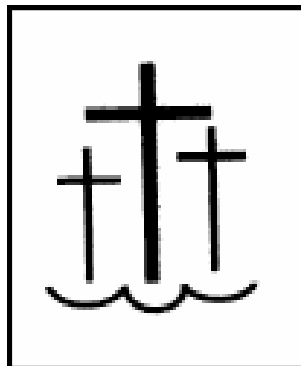
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH

“Holy God We Praise Thy Name”



Today, October 4, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSICIANS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

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WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, October 4

Blessing of the Animals, 3 pm
“Beneath the Arbor” —Calvary by the Sea

Calvary ‘Ohana Retreat

Camp Mokuleia—October 9–11 (12)

Sunday Worship @ Camp, Lisa Kimsey, Ina Young and Friends

Sunday, October 11—Pentecost 20

Calvary by the Sea

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom Poole

Sunday, October 18—Pentecost 21

“Founders Sunday”

Preaching and Music, Chaplain Tammy and Women

Church Pot Luck “Beneath the Arbor”

following 10 am Service

Sunday, October 25—Reformation Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

*Music, Calvary Choir “How Can It Be?” and
Calvary Bells*