



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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: Rejoice, for we no longer walk in darkness!

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

KAHU: May the light of Christ,

the radiance of God,
and the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

ALL: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

The *Confession and Forgiveness* begins on page 94 in the front of the hymnal.

KYRIE *standing*

The liturgy continues with the *Kyrie* on page 147 in the front of the hymnal.

GLORIA (This is the Feast) *standing*

This is the Feast begins on page 148 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: **Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, 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

Micah 6: 1–8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

ONE: ¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,

who speak the truth | from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who ¹fear the LORD.

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take ¹back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- ¹gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be ¹overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 18–31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

ONE: ¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the

presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



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

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 5: 1–12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

KAHU: ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

ALL: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

KAHU: ⁴*Blessed are those who mourn,*

ALL: for they will be comforted.

KAHU: ⁵*Blessed are the meek,*

ALL: for they will inherit the earth.

KAHU: ⁶*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*

ALL: for they will be filled.

KAHU: ⁷*Blessed are the merciful,*

ALL: for they will receive mercy.

KAHU: ⁸"*Blessed are the pure in heart,*

ALL: for they will see God.

KAHU: ⁹"*Blessed are the peacemakers,*

ALL: for they will be called children of God.

KAHU: ¹⁰"*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,*

ALL: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

KAHU: ¹¹"*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account* ¹²*Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“**We Are BLEST!!**”

SERMON HYMN 720 *standing*

“We Are Called”

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: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

We pray for wholeness in the body of Christ.

ALL: Bind up fractures within the church. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: We praise you for the beauty of the universe.

ALL: For the light of the stars, for the majesty of the mountains, for the expanse of the oceans we thank you. Mold us into stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We pray for peacemakers around the world.

ALL: End violence. Restore communities. Stop bribery within political systems. Reign with justice and peace and commit us to this act of discipleship. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We pray for our neighbors who mourn, who have no clean water, who hunger.

ALL: Provide their daily bread. Heal the forgotten, the lost, and our enemies, family, and friends. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We praise you for this congregation.

ALL: Bless the work and play of young and old. Deepen our faith. Expand our discipleship. Equip us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

KAHU: We praise you for all the saints who died proclaiming the gospel.

**ALL: Strengthen us through their witness. Hear us, O God,
*Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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*

“Voluntary”

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, receive the gifts we bring,
our selves,
our time,
and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,
shining with the light of your justice and mercy;
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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, Lord God of

pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. 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 (contemporary) *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: O Morning Star, fair and bright,
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.
You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—
today, tomorrow, every day—
that we tell the story of your never-ending love
and sing your praise both now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 726 *standing* “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

All Keiki are invited to dance.

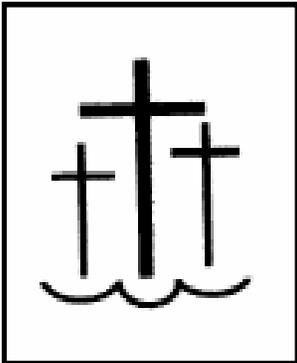
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father,
the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

Kahu: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, January 29, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

PSALMIST: Manning Richards

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Services Ahead

Sunday, January 29

“No Room in Paradise”

**Screening *and* Discussion
*with***

Co-Producer Anthony Aalto

5:00 pm, Beach Side Potluck

Please bring chairs and blankets to sit on.

5:45 pm, FILM AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 4—Epiphany 5

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, February 5—Epiphany 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “This Little Light of Mine”