



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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13th Sunday after Pentecost ***Remembering Queen Liliʻuokalani***

September 3, 2017

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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community remembering Queen Lili'uokalani on her 179th birthday, and offering ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Lea and Tom*

“Teach Me, Lord”

Teach me to love, and teach me to live, and teach me to see and yield and forgive.

Father, we need you at work and play; so, teach me to follow you day by day.

Teach me to know your voice and your will, and help me to climb my own special hill.

You have the plan, so help me to see the plan you have for me, Lord.

Teach me today I pray.

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 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.

GATHERING, *standing*

“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.]

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KEIKI SERMON *and* BLESSING OF TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Let us pray for all who are beginning a new school year here at Calvary by the Sea, and in the public and private schools of Hawai'i.

ALL: **Almighty God, grant teachers and students the gifts of joy and diligence that all may grow in what is good and honest and true. Support all who teach and all who learn, that together we may know and follow your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Following the Keiki Sermon the children, ages 3-12,
are dismissed to attend Sunday School.*

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

Jeremiah 15: 15–21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

ONE: ¹⁵O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. ¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

PSALM, *sung responsively*

Psalm 26: 1–8

¹Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived [|] with integrity;
I have trusted in the LORD and [|] have not faltered.

²Test me, O [|] LORD, and try me;
examine my heart [|] and my mind.

³For your steadfast love is be- [|] fore my eyes;
I have walked faithful- [|] ly with you.

⁴I have not sat [|] with the worthless,
nor do I consort with [|] the deceitful.

⁵I have hated the company of ¹evildoers;
I will not sit down ¹with the wicked.

⁶I will wash my hands in inno- ¹cence, O LORD,
that I may go in procession ¹round your altar,

⁷singing aloud a song ¹of thanksgiving
and recounting all your won- ¹derful deeds.

⁸LORD, I love the house in ¹which you dwell
and the place where your glo- ¹ry abides.

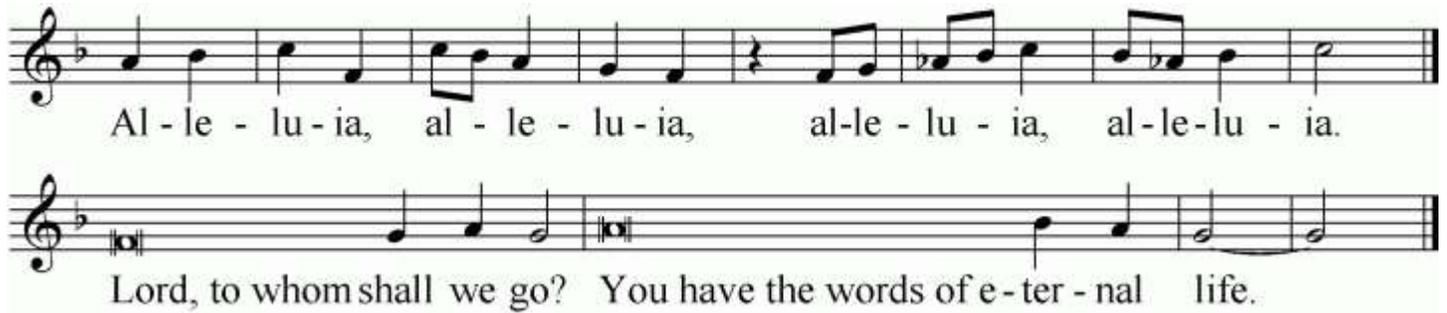
SECOND READING

Romans 12: 9–21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.

ONE: ⁹Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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*

Matthew 16: 21–28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

KAHU: ²¹From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying,

ALL: "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

KAHU: ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." ²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. ²⁸Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim* “...*you are my light, your glory my support....*”

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

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 and its mission.

ALL: Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *We pray for the earth and its well-being.*

ALL: Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give

**us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care.
Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: *We pray for the nations and their leaders.*

ALL: Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

ALL: Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

KAHU: *We pray for this community and its ministry.*

ALL: Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and to weep with those who weep. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

KAHU: *Alpha and Omega,*

ALL: we give thanks for all the saints who now 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. Keep us in union with her and all your saints until we are joined with them around your throne. Hear our prayer, *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, *Ina*

“Fuga”

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.

ALL: 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 *singing*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, 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: 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

SENDING HYMN 715 *standing*

“Christ, Be Out Light”

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.

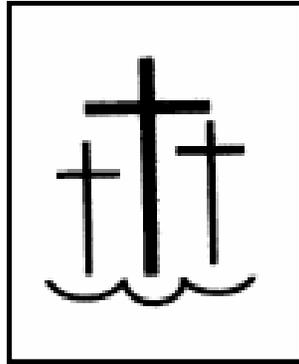
KAHU: *Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *Ina*

“Aloha ‘Oe”



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 3, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Lea del Castillo, *soprano*

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Edwin Ahlers, Charlie Holdaway, Chris Jansen, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Kelly Holden, Jeanie Evans, *Tribe 5 leaders*; Kim Bock, Frank Gruetzmacher, Susan Gruetzmacher, Linda Hansen, Bruce Kau, Matthew Kau, Naomi Kau, Susan Lord, Catherine Nurmi, Diane Warncke

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

SERVICE MUSIC: “Teach Me, Lord,” by Loonis McGlohon, arr. John Coates, Jr., © 1966 Malcom Music; “Ke Aloha O Ka Haku,” (The Queen’s Prayer), by Lili’uokalani, 1895; “Fuga,” by Joh. Pachelbel, © Peters; “Aloha ‘Oe,” by Lili’uokalani, 1877/78, arr. Ina Young, © 2017 Ina Young. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Saturday, September 9—Pentecost 14

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Ms Amie, "Pomaika'i"

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"