

# Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Blessing of God's Grace with Aloha"

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## 16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 28, 2014 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

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises in the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. In the reading from Ezekiel the people question whether the ways of the Lord are unfair; instead they are to repent and turn to the Lord. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

#### SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING**, Calvary Handbells

"Theme from *The Moldau*"

#### 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: Beloved children of God:

the grace that is Christ's gift to us,

the love of God,

and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

be with you all!

**ALL:** And also with you.



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#### **CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim**

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Sovereign over all the earth,

the Wisdom from on high, our merciful Judge and Savior.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God's

mercy and love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Generous and faithful God,

All: we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love.

Though you made us your people, we treat strangers with suspicion.

Though you forgave our debts, we collect without mercy.

Though you do not judge us, we are quick to pass judgment on others.

Have mercy on us, O God. Remember not our small hearts and weak spirits. Make us alive in Christ Jesus. Amen.

#### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

KAHU: Sisters and brothers:

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

ALL: Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us

from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **GREETING OF GUESTS** seated

#### **SHARING OF ALOHA** standing

KAHU: The Lord be with you. **ALL:** And also with you.

## WE HEAR THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

Ezekiel challenges those who think they cannot change because of what their parents were and did, or who think they cannot turn from their wicked ways. God insistently invites people to turn and live.

Ezekiel 18: 1–4, 25–32

ONE: The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup>What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? <sup>3</sup>As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup>Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. <sup>25</sup>Yet you say, "The way of the LORD is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>26</sup>When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup>Again, when

the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed

and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup>Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>29</sup>Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the LORD is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? <sup>30</sup>Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup>Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup>For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

#### **PSALM** sung responsively

Psalm 25: 1–9

<sup>1</sup>To <sup>|</sup> you, O LORD, **I lift** <sup>|</sup> **up my soul.** 

<sup>2</sup>My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

<sup>3</sup>Let none who look to you be put to shame; rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

<sup>4</sup>Show me your ways, O LORD,

and teach | me your paths.

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all  $^{\mid}$  the day long.

<sup>6</sup>Remember, O LORD, your compas- sion and love, **for they are from** everlasting.

<sup>7</sup>Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-ness, O LORD.

<sup>8</sup>You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD; therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

# <sup>9</sup>You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way.

#### **SECOND READING**

Philippians 2: 1–13

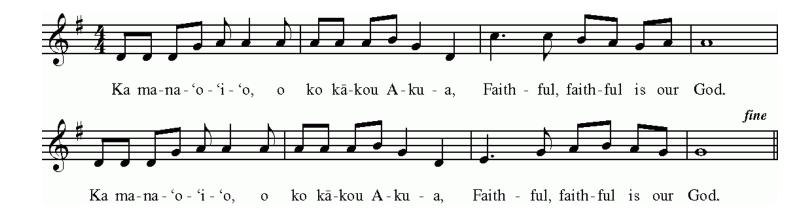
As part of a call for harmony rather than self-seeking, Paul uses a very early Christian hymn that extols the selflessness of Christ in his obedient death on the cross. Christ's selfless perspective is to be the essential perspective we share as the foundation for Christian accord.

ONE:

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, <sup>2</sup>make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. <sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, 8he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup> and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** standing

"Ka Mana'o 'I'o"



#### **GOSPEL** standing, read responsively

Matthew 21: 23–32

After driving the moneychangers out of the temple (21:12), Jesus begins teaching there. His authority is questioned by the religious leaders, who are supposed to be in charge of the temple.

KAHU: <sup>23</sup>When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said,

ALL: "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

KAHU: <sup>24</sup>Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup>Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another,

ALL: "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' <sup>26</sup>But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

KAHU: <sup>27</sup>So they answered Jesus,

ALL: "We do not know."

KAHU: And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup>What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' <sup>29</sup>He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup>The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup>Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said,

**ALL:** "The first."

KAHU: Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the

prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup>For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not

believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him;

and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and

believe him."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

**SERMON, Kahu Tim** 

"Jesus does it PONO!!"

**SERMON HYMN 469** standing

"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** standing

"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** standing

KAHU: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

#### A brief silence.

Fill your church throughout the world with the spirit to work for your pleasure. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Teach us how to value and enjoy the beauty of your creation with humility and to set aside selfish ambitions in how we share its resources. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Refresh the people of all nations with your compassion and love and give us the same mind in Christ, living in peace with loving hearts. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Rush to the aid of those who wait for you. Heal their pain, mend their brokenness, take away their sorrow, lift them out of their troubles, and relieve their burdens. We remember especially our sisters and brothers in Puna. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Encourage us in our lives together. Lead us in your path and teach us to care for the needs of the poor, the exploited, and the outcast. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

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

KAHU: Make our joy complete in the knowledge of the good news of the resurrection. Console those who mourn and give us the assurance of your presence in this life and the next. Hear us, O God.

#### **ALL:** Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the

one who sets us free, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

"Namasté"

Namasté, Namasté, Namasté. The divine in me blesses and honors the divine in you.

Namasté....

Such beauty and grace stand before me Expressing uniquely as you. The spirit of goodness within you Shines forth in all that you do.

Namasté....

The divine in me blesses and honors the divine in you.

#### **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

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 God thanks and praise.

#### **SANCTUS** standing

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



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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: O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior.

#### ALL: Amen.

## WE ARE SENT

#### SENDING HYMN 538 standing

"The Lord Now Sends Us Forth"

#### BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: The blessing of almighty God,

the Father of glory,

+ Jesus Christ our peace, and the Spirit of truth,

be upon you and remain with you always.

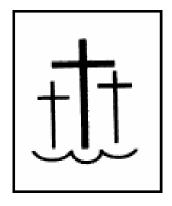
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**GOING FORTH,** Calvary Handbells

"O Sing to the Lord"



#### Today, September 28, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Handbells, Ina Young, director; Calvary Choir

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon

Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Six—Peggy Trout, leader

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletch Young, Erin Day

**SERVICE MUSIC:** "Theme from *The* Moldau," Bohemian Folk Melody, arr. Bedrich Smetana, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, © 2010 The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers; "All Is Ready," by David Haas, © 2005 GIA Publications; "Ka Mana'o 'I'o (Faithful, Faithful Is Our God)," by Joe Camacho, © 1999 Joe Camacho; arr. John L. Bell, © 2002 GIA Publications; "Namasté," by Mark Hayes, © 2004 Mark Hayes Music; "Song of the Body of Christ," text by David Haas; music traditional Hawaiian, No Ke Ano 'Ahi'ahi, arr. David Haas, © 1989 GIA Publications; "The Lord's Prayer," by Albert Hay Malotte, arr. Donald P. Hustad, © 1955, ren. 1963 G. Schirmer; "O Sing to the Lord," Brazilian Folksong, arr. Martha Lynn Thompson, © 2010 The American Guild of English Handbell Ringers. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

## **WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD**

#### Sunday, October 5—Pentecost 17

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, "No Ka Beauty O Ka 'Āina"

Special "Between Services" Presentation Bonnie Oda, Hawaiian Humane Society

### Sunday, October 5—Blessing of the Animals, 3 pm

Calvary Sanctuary—Under the Hau Tree
(All pets are welcomed especially when leashed or in cages!)

#### Sunday, October 12—Pentecost 18

Preaching, Kahu Tim Music, Ina Young

# Calvary Family Retreat @ Camp Mokuleia Friday, October 10 through Sunday or Monday, October 12 or 13

Sunday Worship @ Camp

(See Announcements, the Calvary website, or call the church office for more details)