



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

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## **16<sup>th</sup> Saturday after Pentecost**

September 23, 2017

6:30 pm

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.

## A TIME TO BE STILL

During the *Stillness* 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.**

## GATHERING *standing*

## “Where Your Treasure Is”

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you pos-sess will never set you free.

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Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Where Your Treasure Is". It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## 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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY** *standing*

**ALL: Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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: <sup>10</sup>When 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.

<sup>4:1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He 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. <sup>3</sup>And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then 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. <sup>6</sup>The 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. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When 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." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then 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. <sup>11</sup>And 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,** *read responsively*

Psalm 145: 1–8

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
**and bless your name forever and ever.**

<sup>2</sup>Every day will I bless you  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!  
**There is no end to your greatness.**

<sup>4</sup>One generation shall praise your works to another  
**and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
**and all your marvelous works.**

<sup>6</sup>They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
**and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;  
**they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.**

<sup>8</sup>The 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: <sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. <sup>27</sup>Only, 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, <sup>28</sup>and 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. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—<sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*



O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je - sus, to  
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.  
reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
O - pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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

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

KAHU: So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And 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: <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them,

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

KAHU: <sup>8</sup>When 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: <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, '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.' <sup>13</sup>But 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? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'**

KAHU: <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**, *Kahu Tim*

**“Jonah, it’s *not* about you!!”**

**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 stretched the spangled heavens, 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 and minds to inquire, 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 all in any need. 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,** *Tom*

“Intermezzo”

## **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*

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** *(contemporary)*

**ALL: 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.**

## **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. **Amen.**

# WE ARE SENT

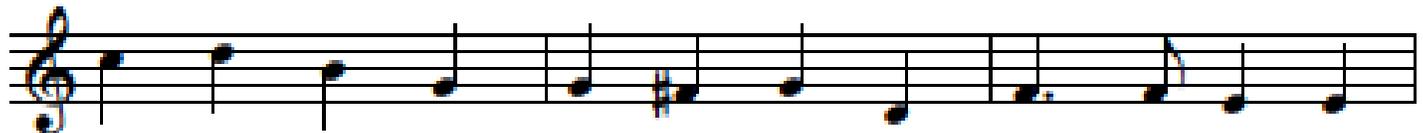
## God, Bless the Hands

*for all those affected by Hurrican Harvey*

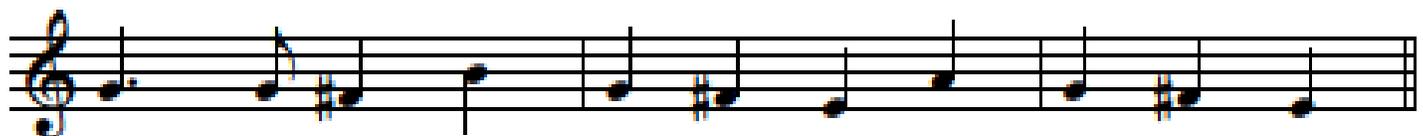
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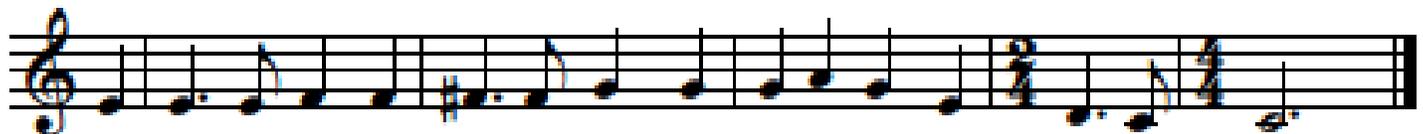
God, bless the hands stretched out in love through  
Bring com - fort to the hearts that mourn, left  
O God, our strength and ref - uge sure, our



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:

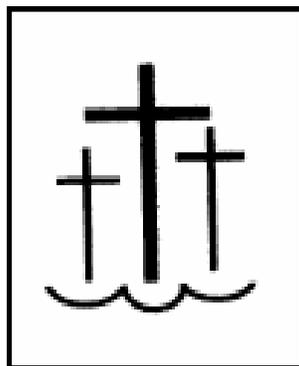
Almighty God,  
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**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.**





## Today, September 16, 2017

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS; PIANIST:** Tom Poole

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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"*