



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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17th Saturday after Pentecost

September 30, 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

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. 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.

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 HYMN 836 *standing*

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

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: 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 AND SHARING OF ALOHA *seated*

KAHU: May God's aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST 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: ¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷but 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. ⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under

the earth, ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. ¹²Therefore, 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; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

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 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: ²³When [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: ²⁴Jesus 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. ²⁵Did 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?' ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet."

KAHU: ²⁷So 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. ²⁸What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which 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. ³²For 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.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“AUTHORITY of the TRUTH”

SERMON HYMN 815 *standing* “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

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.

INSTALLATION AND BLESSING OF FACULTY OF THE *Calvary by the Sea Montessori School* and BLESSING OF THE STUDENTS AND FAMILIES, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Tonight it is our privilege to recognize, give thanks, and install those who are engaged in the work of this congregation the ministry of the *Calvary by the Sea Montessori School*:

Director, Momi Martinez

Lead Teachers, Joan Hiel, Tricia Kunihiro, Amie Lawyer, Kim Serna

Assistants, Chesa Funk, Lisa Gouveia, Alana McKnight, Kiko Martinez, Audrey Sutherland, Kristen Tacub, Sharon Tamanaha

Substitute Assistants, David Elia, Karen Lawyer

Sisters and brothers, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, as you carry out the ministry of the *Calvary by the Sea Montessori School*.

FACULTY: I will, and I ask God to help me.

KAHU: People of God, I ask you: Will you support these your sisters and brothers in their service, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

ALL: We will, and we ask God to help us.

KAHU: God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education, especially the faculty and staff of the *Calvary by the Sea Montessori School*. Give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

KAHU: Tonight, we also bless the students and families of the *Calvary by the Sea Montessori School*. Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of these students and their families. With a mother's love and a father's care give these families gracious love, calm strength, and patient wisdom; make their households places of laughter and love, of safety and security, of compassion and understanding. Keep all of them in good care, and give them peace in their hearts; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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 mission of the gospel.

ALL: Unite your church in its proclamation and witness. Let the same mind be in us that is in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: *Creator God, you provide daily for our nourishment.*

ALL: Bless fields and orchards, oceans and lakes, birds and animals, insects and fish. Sustain those who harvest your life-sustaining bounty. Help us share the gifts you have freely given. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: *God of the nations, give all your people the mind of Christ.*

ALL: Guide national and international leaders to advocate for policies that look to the interests of the most

vulnerable. Humble us when we question your mercy toward those who are different from us. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: *Self-emptying God, stir up compassion for those in need.*

ALL: Send your Spirit to those who are in crisis, troubled, weary, or discouraged. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: *We pray for our congregation and community.*

ALL: Guide our deliberations over difficult decisions. Strengthen our commitment to our ministries. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: *Gracious God, we give thanks for the saints whose tongues confessed Jesus Christ as Lord. Keep us confident in your promises until we join them in endless praise.*

ALL: Hear us, O God. 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, *Tom*

“Children’s Song Medley”

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.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 670 *standing*

“Build Us Up, Lord”

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.**

Tonight, September 30, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS; PIANIST: Tom Poole

SERVICE MUSIC: “Open Our Eyes, Lord,” by Robert Cull, arr. David Allen, © 1976 Maranatha! Music; “Children’s Song Medley: *Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam; Praise Him, All Ye Little Children,*” arr. Mark Hayes, © 2011 Lorenz Publishing. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

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, Holden Evening Prayer

Sunday, October 8—Pentecost 18

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom, “Make Me a Channel”