



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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Saturday Sunset Worship **Reconciling in Christ Service**

January 27, 2018

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

Begun in 1983, the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program is for Lutheran communities of faith to answer the inclusive call of the Gospel by welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The Reconciling in Christ Roster now exceeds 600 settings. Each year, the last Sunday in January is designated as RIC Sunday, a day that welcoming congregations celebrate what it means to live a theology of reconciliation, and radical hospitality.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Tom*

“Jesus Loves Me”

During the ***Gathering*** 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: Come! God welcomes you here, now, today!

ALL: **We come with all our joys and sorrows, all our hopes, dreams, and burdens. We come just as we are.**

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 OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God
who stretches out the heavens,
who sends light to the nations,
who gives breath to us all.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God,

ALL: we need a fresh start.

**We have believed what the world tells us:
that there is something wrong with us,
that we are broken beyond repair,
that you cannot love us,
that we cannot possibly be made in your image,
that we have gotten what we deserved.**

**Forgive us for not believing you when you told us
we are your child,
that you made us as we are,
that you love us and want us to be at peace.**

**Give us a fresh start, so that we can live again as your
children. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Even when we have done wrong, God re-creates us.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.
God's love never runs out. God made us as we are.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.
Hear God say to you now:

*I love you.
Your sins are forgiven,
for the sake of + Jesus Christ our Savior.*

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *standing*


“All Is Ready”



1. Come, all you wea - ry ones, who walk the jour - ney;
2. Come, all who strug - gle hard, all who are hope - ful;
3. Come, all you rich and poor, all who are chal - langed;
4. Come all you sin - gle ones, all who are mar - ried;
5. Come, all you young and old, all male and fe - male,
6. Come, all you anx - ious ones, who fear the fu - ture;



1-6 Know you are wel - come at the ta - ble of the Lord.



Come, bring your bur - dens here, find love and mer - cy.
Come with your tired hearts, come find new pas - sion.
Come all who live in shame, we are your fam - 'ly.
Come, you who've lost your spouse, all who are lone - ly.
Come love of ev - 'ry kind, it does not mat - ter.
Come, all from east and west, we stand to - geth - er.



With Christ be - fore us, we gath - er as his friends!
With Christ with - in us, we find new life a - gain!
With Christ be - side us, we no long - er are a - lone!
With Christ our broth - er, we are loved and made whole!
With Christ, all peo - ple are one in God's name!
With Christ we rise now, to sing the reign of God!



1-6 All is read - y, here and now; all are wel - come here!

David Haas (1957) wrote this text and tune in 2005. The refrain, "...all are welcome here!" proclaims a lavish and intentional sense of hospitality and unity. David, born in Michigan, graduated from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul with a degree in theology, music and liturgy. He is a frequent speaker at the Liturgy and Arts Conference held at Chaminade, and a long-time family friend of Susan Bruhl, a dear friend of many Calvary members.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know 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, *read responsively*

Genesis 1: 1–2: 4a

ONE: ¹In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, ²the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.

ALL: ⁴And God saw that the light was good;

ONE: and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. ⁶And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. ⁹And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

ONE: ¹¹Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹²The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

KAHU: ¹³And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. ¹⁴And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, ¹⁵and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. ¹⁶God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. ¹⁷God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

ONE: ¹⁹And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. ²⁰And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

ONE: ²²God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. ²⁴And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind.

ALL: And God saw that it was good.

ONE: ²⁶Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." ²⁷So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ²⁸God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ²⁹God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. ³⁰And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so.

ALL: ³¹God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.

ONE: And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. ^{2:1}Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. ²And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. ³So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. ⁴These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

LORD, you have | searched me out;

O LORD, | you have known me.

You created my | inmost being

and stitched me together in my | mother's womb.

For all these mysteries | I thank you—

for the wonder of myself,

for the wonder of your works—

my soul | knows it well.

My frame was not hidden from you

while I was being made in that | secret place,

knitted together in the depths of the earth;

your eyes saw my body | even there.

All of my days were written | in your book,

all of them planned

before even the first of them | came to be.

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*

John 8: 1–11

KAHU: Early in the morning he [Jesus] came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him,

ALL: **“Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of**

committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?”

KAHU: They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.” And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” She said,

ALL: “**No one, sir.**”

KAHU: And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.”

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“True Hospitality!!”

SERMON HYMN *standing*

“The Scriptures Say that Jesus Came”

(Sung to CANONBURY: “Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak”)

The scriptures say that Jesus came
to rend the walls of hate and shame.
Yet walls are what we crave to build;
it is our most destructive skill.

O Church, put down your trowels and stones
and listen while creation groans,
as one more wall goes into place,

a testament to our disgrace.

O Spirit, come, and help us see
that no one can be truly free
until, by God's unfailing grace,
we meet each other face to face.

John Thornburg composed this text in 2007. Thornburg, a native of Southhampton, New York, studied at DePaul University and the Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He is currently the Senior Area Representative for the North Texas (United Methodist) Conference.

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 *standing*

KAHU: *Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.*

A brief silence.

For the church,

ALL: as we seek to live out our call to be sanctuary, to proclaim a radical welcome, love, and hospitality. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*. (God is love; love is God)

KAHU: *For our planet and all creation.*

ALL: Shield those places in danger, inspire us to protect the earth—the oceans, reefs, and lands. We pray especially for the victims of hurricanes, earthquakes, tsunamis, fires, flooding and droughts around the world. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *For communities, cities, and nations,*

ALL: may they become places where no one is excluded or discriminated against, where love is our rule and justice is our practice. Help us to end systemic racism and sexism. Protect those who fear deportation and violence. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *For the people in our lives,*

ALL: and those unknown to us who need healing, care, and compassion. We remember especially the hungry, those without homes, the refugee and the stranger. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *For this congregation and its ministries,*

ALL: for visitors in our midst, for our sisters and brothers struggling with their sexual and gender identity, and for all unable to accept and forgive themselves. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

KAHU: *In thanksgiving for those who have died, that their lives of faithful service point us to the steadfast love of Christ.*

ALL: Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: *Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them.
Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have
revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.*

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, Ms. Amie “Hope Is Alive”

(Please follow along on the music sheet, and begin singing at the Bridge.)

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*

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.

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 *standing*

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 593 *standing*

“Drawn to the Light”

The text and tune of this hymn were written by John C. Ylvisaker (b. September 11, 1937), in Fargo, North Dakota. He studied at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN, Luther Seminary in St. Paul, University of Minnesota, and St. Cloud State College. Note how the phrase “drawn to the light” is used in this hymn.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Dear children of God,
you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit, and
marked with the cross of Christ forever.

You are beloved by God, and
claimed as God’s own.

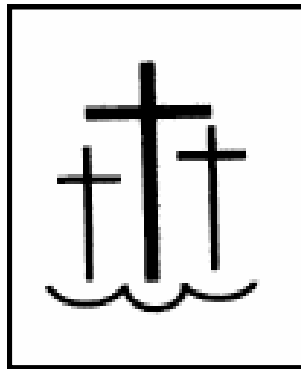
Bear witness to this new life in the name of Christ.
Share it in the name of mercy.
Offer it in the name of justice.

Christ is among us making peace right here, right now.

ALL: Amen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God!



WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, February 3 (6:30 pm)—Epiphany 5

The Holden Evening Prayer

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, February 4—Epiphany 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Lead Me, Lord...”

Saturday, February 10 (6:30 pm)—Transfiguration

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Ms. Amie

Sunday, February 11—Transfiguration

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Ho’ola Nani”

Sunday, February 18

Worship, 8:30 am

Annual Meeting, 9:00 am