



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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15th Sunday after Pentecost ***Remembering Queen Liliʻokalani***

September 6, 2015

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

We gather in the name of Christ, remembering Queen Lili'uokalani on her birthday (September 2, 1838), and assured that Christ is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation. James tells us to stop showing favoritism in the assembly, treating the rich visitor with more honor than the poor one. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings her or his need to Jesus is received with equal honor as a child and heir.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Calvary Choir*

“He Pule (A Prayer)”
(1874)

Regard us, O Lord, your servants, as we ask for your patience.

Feed us with heavenly manna, may your Spirit continue the cleanliness of our hearts.

Deliver us from all evil, give goodness and peace.

For blessings, praise be the name of the Father, the Son, and Spirit. Amen.

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: Sisters and brothers in Christ:
may the love of God,
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
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,
whose name is majestic in all the earth,
who rescues and heals in every time of trouble,
who does all things well.

ALL: **Amen.**

KAHU: Let us come before God, seeking forgiveness and life, singing 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.]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: People of God:

In the name of + Jesus, the Son of God,

Receive mercy and find grace in your time of need.

Your transgressions are forgiven.

God's love is healing balm for your wounds.

Rejoice, for God raises you up to new life in Christ.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

Puakea Nogelmeier compares a sultry Kona-wind day in Nu‘uanu to a heart that’s heavy with emotion and thought. Recognizing the small beauties at hand is like enjoying pleasant memories from our own lei of recollections—empowering the heart and uplifting the spirit.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35: 4–7a

These verses are a word of hope to the exiles in Babylon. Chapter 34 portrays God's vengeance on Edom, Israel's age-old enemy, which makes the path from Babylon to Zion safe for the exiles' return. The desert itself will flow with water to give drink to the returning exiles.

ONE: ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
 "Be strong, do not fear!
 Here is your God.
 He will come with vengeance,
 with terrible recompense.
 He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
 and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
 and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
 For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
⁷the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water.

SECOND READING

James 2: 1–10, 14–17

Faithful Christians do not show partiality to the rich and powerful of the world, especially at the expense of the poor and weak. Likewise, faith does not pay mere lip-service to God's will. Instead, a living Christian faith expresses itself in acts of compassion and mercy for those in need.

ONE: ¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism

really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?

⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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.

In Mark's gospel, encounters with women usually signify turning points in Jesus' ministry. Here, a conversation with a Syrophenician woman marks the beginning of his mission to the Gentiles.

KAHU: ²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸But she answered him,

ALL: "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs."

KAHU: ²⁹Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.

³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying,

ALL: "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“TOUCHED by Grace!!”

SERMON HYMN 779 *standing*

“Amazing Grace”

APOSTLES’ CREED *standing*

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 confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

O God, we pray for Calvary by the Sea, and for the church universal. Give both the courage to translate faith into action. Guide the hands and feet of the faithful to answer the needs so

abundant both in Hawai‘i and in this world. We ask specifically on behalf of this congregation for voices to invite all to your table, and for courage to step forward as teachers and proclaimers of your grace to our *keiki*. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.** (*God is love; love is God.*)

KAHU: We pray for streams, pools, springs of water, oceans, lakes, rivers, and especially Maunalua Bay. Protect all water sources that refresh and sustain the land, animals, reefs, fish, and human beings. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: We pray for the refugees in Europe from Syria, Afghanistan, and North Africa. We pray also for Europe’s leaders and citizens, that they act for the good of all. We pray for all workers, those who can find no work, those who work in unsafe conditions, and those whose labor is exploited. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: We pray for those who lack daily food, who are fearful, and who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. We pray for our sisters and brothers who live on the streets of Honolulu and have no houses. Come and save them. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: We pray for this assembly. Make it a place of equality, welcome, and full inclusion. Empower us to live out radical hospitality. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

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

KAHU: O God, we remember all who have gone before us and give thanks for their faith and their works. Give us the fortitude to carry on in the work left for us. Lord, hear our prayer,

ALL: **Aloha ke Akua.**

KAHU: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through 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, *Ina Young* “He Shall Feed His Flock
and Lisa Kimsey Like a Shepherd”

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*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *standing*

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the

highest. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

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*

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E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani; E hoa nō i - ā kou I - noa.

E hiki mai kou aupuni; E mālama ‘ia kou makemake ma ka honua nei.

E like me ‘ia i mālama ‘ia ma ka la - ni — la.

mp

E hā‘awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā, i ‘aina mā - kou no nē - i - a lā.

E kala mai ho‘i iā mākou, i kā mākou lawe hala ‘ana

Me mākou e kala nei i ka po‘e i lawe ha - la i kā mā - kou.

mf

Mai ho‘oku‘u ‘oe iā mākou i ka ho‘owalewale ‘ia mai.

E ho'opakele nō na'e 'ia mā - kou i ka 'i - no.

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No ka mea Nou ke aupuni A me ka mana

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A me ka ho'onani 'ia a mau loa a-ku. 'Ā - me-ne. 'Ā - me-ne.

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: We give you thanks, O God, that you welcome us to your table and satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of word and holy meal, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

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

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

ALL: **Amen.**

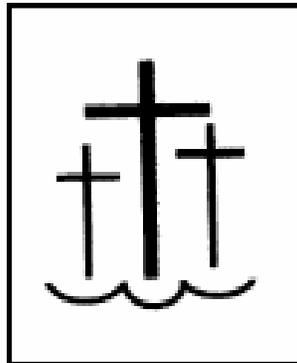
KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

GOING FORTH

“Ahe Lau Makani”

(1868)



Today, September 6, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSICIANS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

HULA: Nā Wahine O Ke Kai Ola; Liko Cooke, *Kumu Hula*

MUSIC: Calvary Choir

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Five—Sheila Sanders

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletch Young, Erin Day

SERVICE MUSIC: “He Pule (A Prayer),” by Queen Lili‘uokalani, © 1999 Hui Hānai; “Ke Aloha O Ka Haku (The Queen’s Prayer),” by Queen Lili‘uokalani, © 1999 Hui Hānai; “Gospel Acclamation,” “Sanctus,” by Marty Haugen, © 2006 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Augsburg Fortress; “He Shall Feed His Flock Like a Shepherd,” by G. F. Handel, ed Watkins Shaw, © 1981, Novello; “E Ko Mākou” (The Lord’s Prayer), tr. Laiana (Lorenzo Lyons), © 1972 Hawaii Conference United Church of Christ; “Ahe Lau Makani,” by Queen Lili‘uokalani, Likelike, and Kapoli, © 1999 Hui Hānai. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, September 13—Pentecost 15

Guest Preacher, Jesse Jones

Officiating Minister, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

Sunday, September 20—Pentecost 16

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “In This Very Room”

Peace Vigil, 6 pm, Sanctuary

In Honor of U. N. International Day of Peace

Holden Evening Prayer and Holy Communion

Presiding, Kahu Tim

Friday, September 25—Calvary Fundraiser

“Money Talks,” Two Woman Musical Comedy

Celebrating success, failure, and inherent worth!

Saturday, September 28—Fall Hukilau

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

(438 Hobron Lane, # 208)

10 am to 3 pm