



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 23, 2017

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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *Tom*

“Wayfaring Stranger”

A TIME TO BE STILL (*RINGING OF THE BELL*)

During the *Stillness* and 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 *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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Trusting God’s promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,

ALL: in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses.

Cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

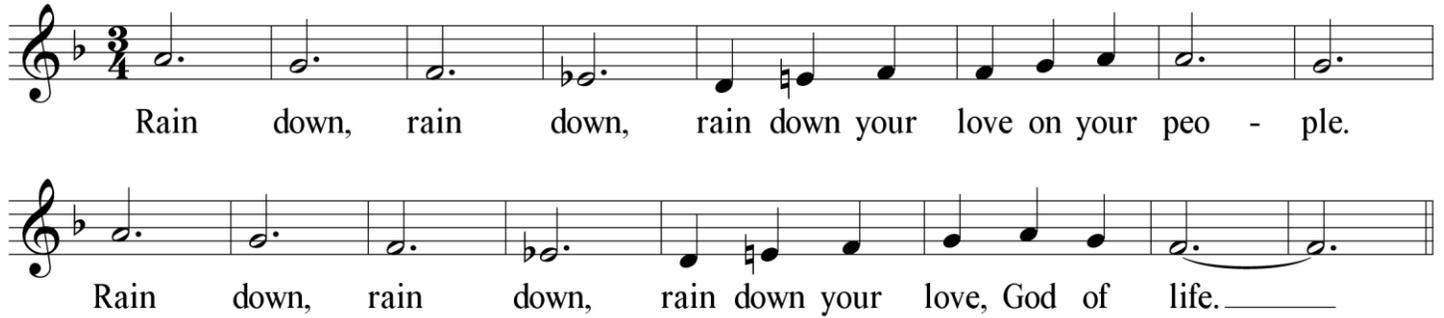
KAHU: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

ALL: Amen.

GATHERING, *standing*

“Rain Down”

REFRAIN



Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.
Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

VERSES



1. Faith - ful and true is the word of our - God. All of God's
2. We who re - vere and find hope in our - God live in the
3. God of cre - a - tion, we long for your truth; you are the
works are so wor - thy of trust. God's mer - cy falls on the
kind - ness and joy of God's wing. God will pro - tect us from
wa - ter of life that we thirst. Grant that your love and your
just and the - right; full of God's love is the earth.
dark - ness and death; God will not leave us to starve.
peace touch our hearts; all of our hope lies in you.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of 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

Isaiah 44: 6–8

God claims the right to sole rule, because God announces things that actually do happen, while supposed divine opponents remain silent. God is Israel's redeemer, that is, the best brother or sister they ever had.

ONE: ⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. ⁷Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. ⁸Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

PSALM, *sung responsively*

Psalm 86: 11–17

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk [|] in your truth;
give me an undivided heart to re-[|]vere your name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with [|] all my heart,
and glorify your name for-[|]evermore.

¹³For great is your [|] love toward me;
you have delivered me from the [|] pit of death.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God,
and a band of violent people [|] seeks my life;

they have not set you be- | fore their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger, and full of kind- | ness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mer- | cy on me;
**give your strength to your servant,
and save the child | of your handmaid.**

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me
may see it and be | put to shame;
**because you, Lord, have helped me
and com- | forted me.**

SECOND READING

Romans 8: 12–25

For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

ONE: ¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of

the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *standing*

REFRAIN

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. _____

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 13: 24–30, 36–43

Jesus tells a parable about the co-existence of good and evil in this world. God's judgment will remove all evildoers and causes of sin, but not until the end of human history.

KAHU: ²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him,

ALL: 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?'

KAHU: ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him,

ALL: 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?'

KAHU: ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" ³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying,

ALL: "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field."

KAHU: ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Saints YET Sinners!”

SERMON HYMN 512 *standing*

“Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”

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: Called together in the Spirit’s embrace, let us pray for the mending of God’s world.

A brief silence.

Enliven your church with love for your world, O God.

ALL: Give undivided hearts to Christians from Africa and the Americas, Asia, Europe, and Pacifica. Make us one in faithful witness to your will. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *Renew the life of this earth, O God, even as it groans because of misuse and decay.*

ALL: Cultivate in us an eager longing for a healthy and life-giving earth. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *Bridge the chasms that divide the nations, O God.*

ALL: Inspire a reconciling vision among the world's leaders,

and bring together people of differing commitments for the sake of the world's most vulnerable people. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *Embrace those who suffer, O God.*

ALL: **Give peace to all who are near death, hope to those who are depressed, shelter to the homeless, and healing to the sick. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *Embolden our witness to your love, O God.*

ALL: **Send us out into the world with courageous hearts, persistence, and holy wisdom. Inspire us to tend to and delight in our children's faith. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

KAHU: *Raise up your saints, O God.*

ALL: **Inspire us by the lives of all reformers and renewers of your church. Receive our thanks for the saints among us who have recently died. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

KAHU: *All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our 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,

Martha and Charlie

“If I Had My Way”

If I had my way, we'd love one another; if I had my way, we'd all live as brothers.

There'd be no more fussing and fighting, no more hungry innocent dying.
I'd make it all go away, if I had my way.

If I had my way I'd carry your burden; if I had my way no one would be hurtin'.
And there'd be no more hatred and lying; no more lonely, little kids crying.
I'd make it all go away, if I had my way.

Maybe one day the walls will come down.
If I had my way, the lost would be found.
Love will find a way to turn everything around.

There'd be no more fussing and fighting; no more frightened little kids crying.
I'd make it all go away, if I had my way.

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, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us.

Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.

We pray this through 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 *(traditional)*

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 680 *standing*

“We Plow the Fields and Scatter”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

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

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go forth to serve.

And the peace of God,
which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

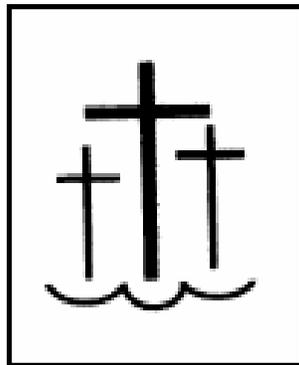
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *Tom*

“This Little Light of Mine”

INTERCESSIONS FOR HEALING

Individual and private *Intercessions for Healing* will be offered today following the morning worship by members of the Stephen Ministry. Please go to the back of the sanctuary following the *Benediction* for anointing and intercessory prayers for healing. Calvary by the Sea, in its ministry of healing, does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather Calvary by the Sea offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in this community of faith.



Today, July 23, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

DUO: Martha Staff, *soprano*; Charlie Holdaway, *tenor* and *guitar*

INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Edwin Ahlers, Charlie Holdaway, Chris Jansen, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Two—Renee Ako

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick

SERVICE MUSIC: “Wayfaring Stranger,” traditional American spiritual, arr. Mark Hayes, © 2011 Lorenz Publishing; “Rain Down,” text by Jaime Cortez, keyboard accompaniment by Craig Kingsbury, © 1991, 1992 Jaime Cortez; “If I Had My Way,” by Vincent Grant Gill and Amy Grant, © 1994 Kobalt; “This Little Light of Mine,” music attributed to Harry Dixon, arr. Mark Hayes, © 2011 Lorenz Publishing. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD

Calvary by the Sea Blood Drive

TODAY, Sunday, July 23

7 am to 1 pm

'Ohana Lani

Sunday, July 30—Pentecost 8

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Where Your Treasure Is”

Sunday, August 6—Pentecost 9

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Erin Day

Sunday, August 13—Pentecost 10

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Vanessa and Chris Jansen

Sunday, August 20—Pentecost 11

**Installation of Calvary Montessori School Teachers
Blessing of All Students**

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Amie Lawyer