



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 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

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, mourners, the meek, those who hunger for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”

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: Rejoice, for we no longer walk in darkness!

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

KAHU: May the light of Christ,
the radiance of God,
and the fire 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 confess that we have turned from your way to
follow our own desires.**

**Forgive us for the times we have spoken or acted
too quickly, and for the times we have not spoken
or acted at all.**

**We have hurt those closest to us; we have hurt
those we have yet to know;**

**We have both thought more about ourselves than
others; and less of ourselves than we ought.**

**Turn us around. 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 makes us right.
Even when we have messed up, God puts us together.

*God's love never runs out.
God never tires of calling us beloved children.*

Hear God say to you now:

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

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KEIKI SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

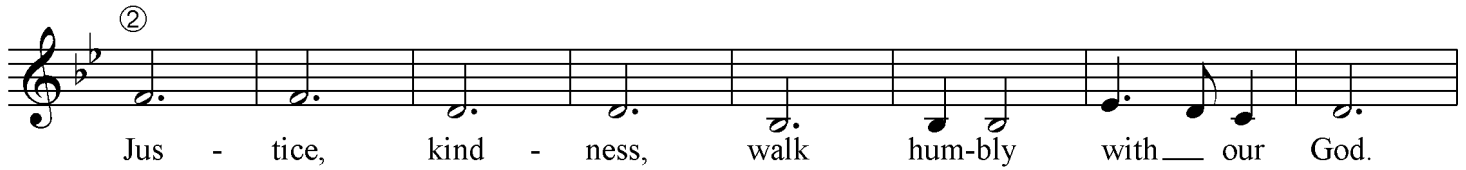
Following the *Keiki Sermon* the children are dismissed to attend Sunday School.

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

Micah 6: 1–8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

ONE: ¹Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³"O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." ⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 15

¹LORD, who may dwell in your [|] tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your [|] holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do [|] what is right,

who speak the truth [|] from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil [|] to their friends;

they do not cast discredit up- [|] on a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who [|] fear the LORD.

**They have sworn upon their health
and do not take [|] back their word.**

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain,
nor do they take bribes a- [|] gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be [|] overthrown.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1: 18–31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

ONE: ¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." ²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this

age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. ²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 677 *standing* “This Little Light of Mine”

*This little light of mine, I'm goin'a let it shine (3x)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

GOSPEL *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 5: 1–12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

KAHU: ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

ALL: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

KAHU: ⁴"*Blessed are those who mourn,*

ALL: for they will be comforted.

KAHU: ⁵"*Blessed are the meek,*

ALL: for they will inherit the earth.

KAHU: ⁶"*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,*

ALL: for they will be filled.

KAHU: ⁷"*Blessed are the merciful,*

ALL: for they will receive mercy.

KAHU: ⁸"*Blessed are the pure in heart,*

ALL: for they will see God.

KAHU: ⁹"*Blessed are the peacemakers,*

ALL: for they will be called children of God.

KAHU: ¹⁰"*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,*

ALL: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

KAHU: ¹¹"*Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."*

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“We Are BLEST!!”

SERMON HYMN 720 standing

“We Are Called”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH *standing*

KAHU: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

We pray for wholeness in the body of Christ.

ALL: Bind up fractures within the church. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly. Make us one at your table. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: We praise you for the beauty of the universe.

ALL: For the light of the stars, for the majesty of the mountains, for the expanse of the oceans we thank you. Mold us into stewards of your creation. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We pray for peacemakers around the world.

ALL: End violence. Restore communities. Stop bribery within political systems. Reign with justice and peace and commit us to this act of discipleship. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We pray for our neighbors who mourn, who have no clean water, who hunger.

ALL: Provide their daily bread. Heal the forgotten, the lost, and our enemies, family, and friends. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: We praise you for this congregation.

ALL: Bless the work and play of young and old. Deepen our faith. Expand our discipleship. Equip us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

KAHU: We praise you for all the saints who died proclaiming the gospel.

**ALL: Strengthen us through their witness. Hear us, O God,
*Aloha ke Akua.***

KAHU: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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, *choir*

“Offertory”

*With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?*

*Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?*

*He has shown you, O man; he has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly, with your God?*

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 *singing*

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, 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.

The stations for Holy Communion are at the sliding doors opening to ocean-side lawn. Please proceed to the stations and gather on the lawn for the Holy Baptism (ocean) of *Holly Elizabeth Rusk* following Holy Communion. (Bring your bulletin for the Holy Baptism Liturgy.)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

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.

HOLY BAPTISM OF

Holly Elizabeth Rusk

AND SENDING

PRESENTATION, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

HOLLY ELIZABETH RUSK, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ? (*I do.*)

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture ***HOLLY*** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? (*I do.*)

People of God, do you promise to support Holly and pray for her in her new life in Christ? (*We do.*)

PROFESSION OF FAITH

KAHU: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? (*I renounce them.*)

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? (*I renounce them.*)

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? (*I renounce them.*)

KAHU: Do you believe in God the Father?

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

KAHU: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

ALL: 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.

KAHU: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

ALL: 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.

BAPTISM

KAHU: *HOLLY*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

WELCOME

KAHU: Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

ALL: We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

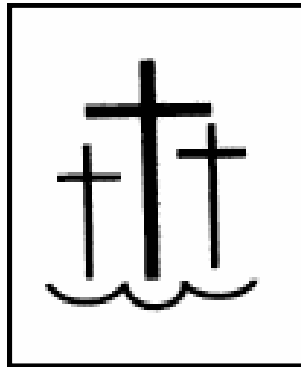
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved,
and shine brightly on your path;
And the blessing of almighty God,
the Father,
the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.



Today, January 29, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: Calvary Choir

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

ALTAR CARE, READERS, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tribe Two—Renee Ako, Mira Ako, Bonnie Oda, Jeanie Evans, John Travis, Pati Kickland

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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Services Ahead

Sunday, January 29

“No Room in Paradise”

**Screening *and* Discussion with
Co-Producer Anthony Aalto**

5:00 pm, Beach Side Potluck

Please bring chairs and blankets to sit on.

5:45 pm, FILM AND DISCUSSION

Saturday, February 4—Epiphany 5

6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, February 5—Epiphany 5

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “This Little Light of Mine”