

## Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

"Sharing the Blessing of God's Grace with Aloha"

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# Saturday Sunset Worship 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 4, 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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.

#### SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

#### 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.

#### **GATHERING HYMN 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!

Ev'rywhere I go....

Jesus gave it to me....

#### **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 Tim**

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: Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through 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

Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.

Isaiah 58: 1–12

ONE: <sup>1</sup>Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup>Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did

not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. <sup>3</sup>"Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup>Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. <sup>5</sup>Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? <sup>6</sup>Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? <sup>7</sup>Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? 8Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. <sup>9a</sup>Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. 9b If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, <sup>10</sup>if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. <sup>11</sup>The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. <sup>12</sup>Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

**PSALM** sung responsively

Psalm 112: 1-10

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Happy are they who | fear the LORD and have great delight in | God's commandments!

<sup>2</sup>Their descendants will be mighty | in the land;

the generation of the upright | will be blessed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Wealth and riches will be | in their house,

#### and their righteousness will | last forever.

<sup>4</sup>Light shines in the darkness | for the upright;

the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

<sup>5</sup>It is good for them to be gener- ous in lending and to manage their af- fairs with justice.

<sup>6</sup>For they will nev- | er be shaken;

the righteous will be kept in everlast- ing remembrance.

<sup>7</sup>They will not be afraid of any | evil rumors;

their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire up- on their enemies.

<sup>9</sup>They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands | fast forever;

they will hold up their | head with honor.

<sup>10</sup>The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and | pine away;

the desires of the wick- ed will perish.

#### **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

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus encourages his followers to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world, doing good works and keeping God's commandments.

Matthew 5: 13–20

KAHU: [Jesus said:] <sup>13</sup>"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after

lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. <sup>17</sup>Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. <sup>18</sup>For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter will pass from the law until all is accomplished. <sup>19</sup>Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. <sup>20</sup>For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, Kahu Tim

"Removing Attachments"

**SERMON HYMN 815** standing

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

#### 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.

Eternal God, you are one-in-three and three-in-one. Strengthen the ministry of the World Council of Churches, the Lutheran World Federation, and the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. Solidify ecumenical partnerships as they work to break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Hear us, O God.

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

KAHU: Send relief where storms and floods overwhelm. Provide shelter and safe habitat for all creatures. Protect seeds and bulbs for the harvests. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Ignite the nations with the flame of your justice. Enlighten the leaders of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank with your wisdom; guide government officials to seek economic justice in their communities. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Comfort the afflicted, compassionate God. Accompany all who wait on death row. Reconcile families torn apart by crime or addiction. Heal the brokenhearted, the newly diagnosed, and all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Fill those who form the faith of others with insight and energy. Multiply the fruit of their labor. Grow disciples eager to feast on your living word and embody it each day. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: We thank you for all the saints who dared to shine with the light of Christ. Compel us to shine freely and witness to your abundant grace each day. Hear us, O God.

ALL: 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, Tom

"Wayfaring Stranger"

#### **DOXOLOGY** standing

"Ho'onani i ka Makua Mau"

Hoʻonani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ʻUhane nō. Ke Akua mau hoʻomaikaʻi 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 (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: 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 715** standing

"Christ, Be Our Light"

#### 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,

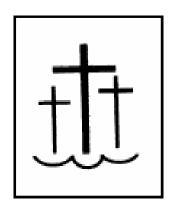
and the Holy Spirit

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, February 4, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Congregation

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## SERVICES AHEAD

## Saturday, February 11—Epiphany 6

6:30-7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim Music, Ms. Amie and Tom

## Sunday, February 12—Epiphany 6

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Testimonial, Katie Kam
Music, Calvary Choir, "Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

## Saturday, February 18—Epiphany 7

6:30-7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in 'Ohana Hale

Preaching, Kahu Tim Music, Tom

## ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, February 19—Epiphany 7

Only One Morning Worship Service, 8:30 am
Annual Meeting, 9:00 am
Holy Communion at Conclusion of Meeting