



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2015

7:30 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

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *organ*

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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: Precious children of God:
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*

The *Confession and Forgiveness of Sin* begins on page 116 in the front of the hymnal.

KYRIE *standing*

The liturgy continues with the *Kyrie* on page 120 in the front of the hymnal.

GLORIA *standing*

The *Gloria* begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

ALL: O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA *standing*

KAHU: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 17: 22–24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.

ONE: ²²Thus says the Lord GOD:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

PSALM *sung responsively*

Psalm 92: 1–4, 12–15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks ¹ to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, ¹ O Most High;
²to herald your love ¹ in the morning
and your faithful- ¹ ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and ¹ on the lyre,
and to the melody ¹ of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad by your ¹ acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works ¹ of your hands.
¹²The righteous shall flourish ¹ like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a ce- ¹ dar of Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted in the house ¹ of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts ¹ of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit ¹ in old age;
they shall be ¹ green and succulent;
¹⁵that they may show how up- ¹ right the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is ¹ no injustice.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5: 6–10, 14–17

Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.

ONE: ⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for

him who died and was raised for them. ¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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*

Mark 4: 26–34

Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.

KAHU: ²⁶[Jesus said,] "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables,

but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

“Walk by Faith—*NOT* by Sight!!”

SERMON HYMN 512 *standing*

“Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil”

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: Trusting the Spirit’s power, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you reveal yourself in word and water, bread and wine. Show us your will as we worship and send us forth as signs

of unexpected grace. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Life-giving God, the trees sing of your faithfulness. Give growth to trees and shrubs, grasses and all flowering things, that their beauty may flourish for their sakes and ours. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of wisdom, you provide for all peoples and nations. We pray for governments and international organizations, for all who shelter refugees and strive for peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of love, you know our hurts and failings. We pray for those who are homeless, unemployed, imprisoned, hungry, and sick. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Faithful God, you prosper the work of our hands. We pray for the outreach ministries of this congregation. We trust your Spirit moving through and among us even when we do not see the fruits of our labors. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: We remember in thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us. Anchor us in the triune God, confident in the abundant life you promise. Lord, in your mercy,

ALL: hear our prayer.

KAHU: Receive these prayers, gracious God, and those prayers known only to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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, organ

“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

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: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

ALL: **Amen.**

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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*

**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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *seated*

KAHU: Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 670 *standing*

“Build Us Up, Lord”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Almighty and merciful God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless,
preserve,
and keep you this day and forevermore.

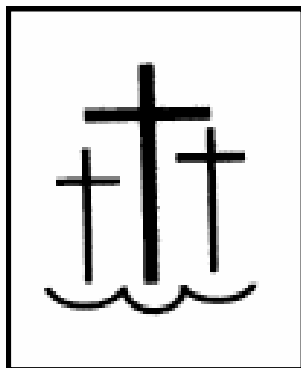
ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace.
Live in love, as Christ loved us.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH *organ*

“Song of Peace”



Today, June 14, 2015

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

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