



# **Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church**

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

5339 Kalanianaʻole Hwy. • Honolulu, HI 96821 • 808.377.5477 [www.CalvarybytheSea.org](http://www.CalvarybytheSea.org)

---

## **8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

July 30, 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

As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

## SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

**GATHERING,** *Tom*

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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

During the *Stillness* and the *Ringings 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.**

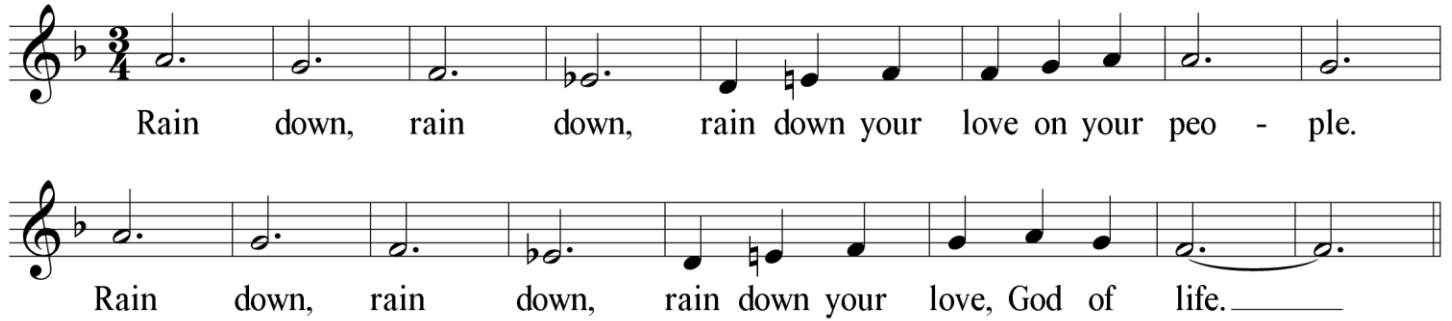
KAHU: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us. In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God + forgives you all your sins.

**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.

“Rain Down,” text by Jaime Cortez, keyboard accompaniment by Craig Kingsbury, © 1991, 1992 Jaime Cortez.  
Published by OCP Publications. Music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

## PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL:** Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from 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**

1 Kings 3: 5–12

*Because Solomon did not ask for long life, riches, or the defeat of his enemies, God gave him what he asked for: wisdom to govern the people well. In verse 13 God gives him additional honor and riches beyond compare.*

**ONE:** <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" <sup>10</sup>It pleased the LORD that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you."

**PSALM**, *sung responsively*

Psalm 119: 129–136

- <sup>129</sup>Your de- | crees are wonderful;  
**therefore I obey them with | all my heart.**
- <sup>130</sup>When your word is opened | it gives light;  
**it gives understanding | to the simple.**
- <sup>131</sup>I open my | mouth and pant  
**because I long for | your commandments.**
- <sup>132</sup>Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,  
**as you always do to those who | love your name.**
- <sup>133</sup>Order my footsteps | in your word;  
**let no iniquity have dominion | over me.**
- <sup>134</sup>Rescue me from those | who oppress me,  
**and I will keep | your commandments.**
- <sup>135</sup>Let your face shine up- | on your servant  
**and teach | me your statutes.**
- <sup>136</sup>My eyes shed | streams of tears,  
**because people do not | keep your teaching.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *standing*

*REFRAIN*

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your peo - ple.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life. \_\_\_\_\_

**GOSPEL** *standing, read responsively*

Matthew 13: 31–33, 44–52

*Throughout Matthew's gospel, Jesus and his disciples proclaim the good news that*

*"the kingdom of heaven is near!" Here, Jesus offers several brief parables that explore the implications of this announcement for people's lives.*

**KAHU:** <sup>31</sup>[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup>it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." <sup>33</sup>He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

<sup>44</sup>"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup>on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. <sup>47</sup>Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; <sup>48</sup>when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. <sup>49</sup>So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous <sup>50</sup>and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>51</sup>Have you understood all this?" They answered,

**ALL:** **"Yes."**

**KAHU:** <sup>52</sup>And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**KAHU:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**KEIKI SERMON,** *Kahu Tim*

## GREETINGS FROM *FACE*, Christy MacPherson

Christy MacPherson is the Executive Director of FACE. She has been involved with the organization for 21 years and is excited to help build its membership and leadership. Christy is especially looking forward to getting to know our members and helping put together our Listening Team!

## DEVOTIONAL, *Kahu Tim*

### SERMON HYMN *standing*

“Where Your Treasure Is”

*Soloists: Nackil Sung, Laura Johnson Sprowls, John Travis*

#### REFRAIN

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be. All that you possess will never set you free.

7  
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me. Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.

“Where Your Treasure Is,” by Marty Haugen, © 2000 GIA. Permission by (One.License.net A-714410).

### 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:** Generous, compassionate God, we gather before you to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Shine the light of understanding on your church on earth.*

**ALL:** **Bind us together in the Word to share your love with the world, and especially with all those feeling displaced and unwelcomed. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**KAHU:** *Protect birds and their nests, fields full of crops, the seas and the fish that swim in them.*

**ALL:** **Inspire us to care for the creation you love. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**KAHU:** *Raise up just and wise advocates and judges from small-town courts to international tribunals.*

**ALL:** **Enlighten all leaders to discern what is right and do what is good and just. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**KAHU:** *Nurture faith in those who doubt.*

**ALL:** **Lift up those who are weak in body, mind, or spirit. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, and surround with love those facing their last days. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**KAHU:** *Expand the understanding of this assembly to see our neighbors as you see them.*

**ALL:** **Let the yeast of your Word grow beyond us. Empower *FACE* to share your boundless love and mercy with the entire world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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

**KAHU:** *Sustain us by the intercession of your Holy Spirit.*

**ALL:** **Let the Spirit's sighs, too deep for words, comfort us until we rejoice with those already united with you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

**KAHU:** *Into your hands we place all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in the mercy of Christ Jesus.*

**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* “Healer of Broken Hearts”

**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 *(contemporary)*

**ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and 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:** 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 670** *standing*

“Build Us Up, Lord”

## **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.

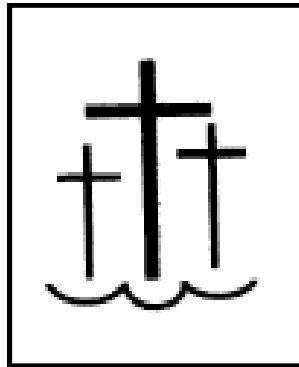
And the peace of God,  
which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**GOING FORTH,** *Tom*

“Children’s Song Medley”



## **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 30, 2017

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Christy MacPherson, *Executive Director, FACE*

**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole

**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young

**MUSIC:** Calvary Choir— Nackil Sung, *tenor*; Laura Johnson Sprowls, *soprano*;  
John Travis, *tenor*

**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:** “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee,” by John Dykes, arr. Fred Bock, © 1973 Fred Bock Music; “Rain Down,” text by Jaime Cortez, keyboard accompaniment by Craig Kingsbury, © 1991, 1992 Jaime Cortez; “Where Your Treasure Is,” by Marty Haugen, © 2000 GIA; “Healer of Broken Hearts,” by Georgia Stiffler, arr. Fred Bock, © 1945; ren. 1972 Fred Bock Music; this arr. © 1975 Fred Bock Music; “Children’s Song Medley: *Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam; Praise Him, All Ye Little Children,*” arr. Mark Hayes, © 2011 Lorenz Publishing. All music used by permission (One.License.net A-714410).

# **WORSHIP *and* EVENTS AHEAD**

## ***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*

## ***Sunday, August 27—Pentecost 12***

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Amie Lawyer, Charlie Holdaway, Tom Poole*

## ***Sunday, September 3—Pentecost 13***

**Remembering the Queen on Her Birthday**

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Calvary Choir*