



Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church

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

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TRANSFIGURATION

February 26, 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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem.

We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We will put aside the Gloria and alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. These words of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *The Emelio's*

“God Wants to Hear You 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 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: O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *The Emelio's*

“Home”

FIRST READING

Exodus 24: 12–18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the Lord" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

ONE: ¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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.

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to his disciples in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

KAHU: ¹Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus,

ALL: "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

KAHU: ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

KAHU: The Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, *Kahu Tim*

"It ALL Comes Together!"

SERMON HYMN 834 *standing* "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

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.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING DEACONS, *and* INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL OF DEACONS, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: Today it is our privilege to give thanks for those who are completing their time of service in the ministry of the *Council of Deacons* within this congregation.

Geoff Hamilton, President
Jon Osorio, Vice-President
Mary Pat Ashby, Treasurer
Bryce Harken, Deacon
Mike May, Deacon

Let us pray:

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit equips the church with a rich variety of gifts. We give thanks for the ways these gifts have been shown forth among us through your servants *Geoff, Jon, Mary Pat, Bryce, and Mike*. We praise you for shared joys and accomplishments, and we commend our work to you. Grant that we may continue to bear witness to Christ in lives that are built on faith and love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Today it is also our privilege to recognize and install those who have been elected by this congregation to positions of service in the ministry of the *Council of Deacons*.

Tim Sprowls, President (2018)
Jennifer Welch, Secretary (2018)
Lea del Castillo (2019)
Kelly Holden (2020)
Paul O. Jones (2018)
Patti Kickland (2020)
Kaui Lucas (2019)
Lisa May Montano (2018)
Cheryl Tuitele (2018)
Patricia Wong (2019)

We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and mutual mission as a congregation.

[To those beginning and continuing their service.]

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:

Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected? (**I will, and I ask God to help me.**)

People of God, I ask you:

Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

(We will, and we ask God to help us.)

I now declare you installed as officers and council members of this congregation. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

Amen.

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.

God of Moses, you revealed your glory on Mount Sinai.

ALL: Reveal your glory through missionaries and campus ministries, especially the *Agape House* of UC—San Diego, a Lutheran and Episcopal joint ministry. Shine your light through their acts of caring, justice, and mercy. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *God of Eve*, you create humankind in your image.

ALL: Cultivate in us a passion for your good creation. Transform our daily routines so that our carbon footprints, use of plastics, and treatment of waste protects your world and reveals your image. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *God of David*, you equip shepherds to care for your people.

ALL: Where leaders rule by fear, transform their hearts with compassion and mercy. Send advocates for peace. We pray for your justice in every land. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *God of Naomi*, you care for the widow.

ALL: Be with all who mourn. Connect children in foster care with loving families. Protect refugees. Heal the sick and strengthen caretakers. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

KAHU: *God of Zechariah*, you invite us to worship.

ALL: Teach us to sing your praise in all places and in all circumstances. Embolden us to proclaim the joy of your faithfulness with our whole being. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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

KAHU: *God of Lazarus*, you resurrect the dead.

ALL: Deepen our trust in the resurrection promise. Grant us peace as we grapple with what it means to die and live in you. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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, *The Emelio's*

“Why Me?”

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 (contemporary) *in unison*

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: 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.

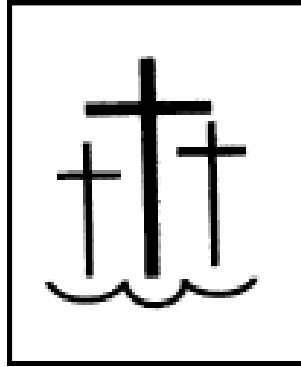
KAHU: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *The Emelio's*

“Loving God, Loving Each Other”

“Sometimes It Takes a Mountain”



We welcome to Calvary by the Sea this morning the return visit of The Emelio's—father, Tom, and sons Judah, Charlie, and TJ. We thank God for their music and for their witness to God.

Today, February 26, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

MUSIC: The Emelio's—Tom, Judah, Charlie, and TJ

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

ALTAR CARE, READERS, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Tribe Three—Leslie Dorman and Mary Osorio; Jim Hollatz, Rosemary Hollatz, Laura Sprowls

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

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Services Ahead

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday

7:00 pm, Service of Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir

Saturday, March 4—Lent 1

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

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, March 5—Lent 1

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "Ho'ola Nani" (Beautiful Savior)

Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service

(March 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5)

6 pm, Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary

6:30 pm, Soup Supper in Hale Aloha

Saturday, March 11—Lent 2

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Tom

Sunday, March 12—Lent 2

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, "God So Loved the World"