The Stewardship of Creation

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7:30 am

The Stewardship of Creation is an ongoing ministry in the church. The creation that God declared good is entrusted to the care of humankind. Exercising that care is one dimension of daily Christian discipleship. Stewardship of Creation is a way for the church to honor God for the gift of Creation and to pray for the ʻaina, the gift of labor, and the needs of all people.

As Hawaiian historian, Herb Kawainui Kane states in the PBS series, The Hawaiians, “The entire universe was an orderly, fixed whole in which all the parts were integral to the whole, including human beings, themselves. Humans were descended from the gods but so were the rocks, so were the animals, so were the fish. Thus human beings had to regard the rocks, the fish and the birds as relatives. It’s an ecological point of view which the western world is only beginning to discover now.” [altered for inclusive language]
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Prelude on Lobe Den Herren”

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: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
ALL: Christ is risen indeed!
KAHU: 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:** Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature. Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, 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

CALL TO SCRIPTURE, *Jon Osorio*  

“From the *Kumulipo*”

FIRST READING  

Job 38: 1–11, 16–18

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

**ONE:**  

1 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

2 "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3 Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.  

4 "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.

5 Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone

7 when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings
shouted for joy?  

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—  

9when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,  

10and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors,  

11and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?”  

16“Have you entered into the springs of the sea, or walked in the recesses of the deep?  

17Have the gates of death been revealed to you, or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?  

18Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth? Declare, if you know all this. 

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 104: 24–34, 35b

24How manifold are your works, O LORD!  

In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.  

25Yonder is the sea, great and wide,  
with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.  

26There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  

27All of them look to you to give them their food in due season.  

28You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled with good things.  

29When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return to their dust.  

30You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  

31May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.  

32You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains \l and they smoke.  
\text{33}I will sing to the LORD as long \l as I live;  
\text{I will praise my God while I \l have my being.}  
\text{34}May these words of \l mine please God.  
\text{I will rejoice \l in the LORD.}  
\text{35b}Bless the LORD, \l O my soul.  
\text{Hal- \l lelujah!}

\textbf{GOSPEL ACCLAMATION \textit{standing}}

\text{Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.}

\text{Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-ter-nal life.}

\textbf{GOSPEL \textit{standing} \hspace{1cm} \textit{John 10: 11–18}}

\textit{In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.}

\textbf{KAHU:} \ [Jesus said:] \textit{11}”I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. \textit{12}The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. \textit{13}The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. \textit{14}I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, \textit{15}just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. \textit{16}I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. \textit{17}For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. \textit{18}No one takes it from}
me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“Creation Messages in Common”

KAUI Lucas, Permaculture and Sustainability
Michael, Calvary IN the Sea
Thea Johanos-Kam, Hawaiian Monk Seals
Mike May, Marine and ʻĀina Photographic Documentation
Monika Day, Mālama na Honu
Judith Cucco, Human Impact on the Ocean
Erin Day, Environmental Statement(s)

SERMON HYMN 689

“Praise and Thanksgiving”

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: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

   A brief silence.

For the leaders of the church: bishops, pastors, lay professionals; for those who teach the gospel in our seminaries, colleges, and universities; that salvation be preached to all in word and deed, let us pray.

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

KAHU: For the beauty of creation, for those who care for the land and the oceans, and all creatures, and for those who find recreation in natural resources, that all see God's goodness revealed there, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the rulers of nations, local and national leaders, and those who provide counsel to them, that they be guided by the command to love one another, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For the sick, the imprisoned, those living with HIV/AIDS, and those who feel themselves living without hope, that they know the comfort of the Lord surrounding them, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: For families and friends, for those absent from worship, and for those celebrating significant events in their lives, that the Holy Spirit guide all God's people in their work and their journeys, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: In thanksgiving for those who have died and by whose lives we have been nourished, that we be bold in believing God's promise to be with us always, let us pray.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ
our Lord.

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

“Greet the Rising Sun”

DOXOLOGY standing

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below.

OFFERING PRAYER standing

KAHU: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING standing
The Sanctus is sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

SANCTUS standing

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
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: Life-giving God, we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT
Mālama Pono

Verses

Morning breaks the earth awakes and dawn appears.
Seek the way of unity compassion and love.
Every moment of your life you are God’s gift.

In the light that shines so bright a new day.
Touching hearts by serving one another.
Just as Christ was gift to us to long ago.

Yesterday has passed away tomorrow’s not here.
Healing hurts and soothing wounds, comfort the sick.
Share your gift of love and hope in all that you do.

Live today with faith, hope and love.
Walking with each other in love.
Share the truth God’s love is forever.

Refrain

Mālama pono i ke-ka-hi i ke-ka-hi live in faith and
hope and love by helping each other be instruments of peace and hope for
all in this world. And God’s peace will be with you.

And God’s peace will be with you.
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

**KAHU:** Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

**ALL:** Amen.

**KAHU:** Jesus Christ, the Word of Life, bless you to be his witnesses.

**ALL:** Amen.

**KAHU:** God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

**ALL:** Amen.

**KAHU:** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**ALL:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

GOING FORTH *organ*  

“Postlude on *SAINT DENIO*”

Today, April 26, 2015

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

**KAHU:** Tim Mason

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