Saturday Sunset Worship

7th Sunday after Epiphany

February 18, 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

In tonight's first reading we hear, "You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy." Yet we know we cannot achieve perfection. Our attempts to love neighbors and even our enemies fall short of what God desires for us. Yet in Jesus we see one who loved even those who persecuted and killed him. We are made holy in baptism, and forgiven at the table of God's mercy. As a people made holy by God, we go in peace to love as we have been loved.

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.
GREETING HYMN standing “What Does Our God Require of Us?”


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:    Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, 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.
The Holiness Code in Leviticus urges people to be holy since God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves.

ONE: 
1 The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: 
2 Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. 
9 When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 
10 You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. 
11 You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. 
12 And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. 
13 You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. 
14 You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. 
15 You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 
16 You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. 
17 You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. 
18 You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

PSALM sung responsively

33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.
35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.
36 Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.
37 Turn my eyes from holding falsehood; give me life in your way.
38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.
39 Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.
40 Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.

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, read responsively Matthew 5: 38–48

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus declares an end to the law of vengeance. God’s people will respond to evil with love and forgiveness.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] 38 “You have heard that it was said,
ALL: ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’
KAHU: 39 But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; 40 and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; 41 and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. 42 Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. 43 You have heard that it was said,
'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

"By FAITH we can Forgive!!"

"Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil"

The litany for Holy Baptism begins on page 227 in the front of the hymnal.

Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God’s justice, peace, and healing.

A brief silence.

Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God.

Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us. May your voice be heard, and your will be done
in our Annual Meeting. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil.

**ALL:** Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world.

**ALL:** Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders.

**ALL:** Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them.

**ALL:** Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

**KAHU:** We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today.

**ALL:** Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. 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, Tom**

“Children’s Song Medley”

*(Jesus Loves the Little Children; Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam; Praise, Him, All Ye Little Children)*
DOXOLOGY standing

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


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
Up On A Mountaintop

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (2011)  SLANE 10.10.9.10  Tune: Traditional Irish Melody

1. Up on a mountaintop, Jesus sat down,
2. You are the salt and you’re also the light.
3. Let go of anger, for it is a sin.
4. Keep strong the bonds between husband and wife;
5. If anyone hurts you, then you may resist,
6. Love those who hate you and pray for them, too.

Teaching the people who gathered around:
Flavor God’s world, with your faith shining bright.
It will destroy you, both outside and in.
Keep your commitments for all of your life.
But not with hatred or weapon or fist.
God’s mercy reaches out far beyond you.

Look for the blessings that God kindly brings;
Know that I’ve come here, God’s word to fill.
Even your thinking can lead you astray;
Don’t swear by heaven or by earth be low;
God’s way is stronger than any you face;
Seek, as God’s people, God’s wholeness each day.

God’s loving kingdom is changing all things.
Keep the commandments and follow them well.
What ever tempts you, just throw it away.
Let “yes” be “yes” then, and let “no” be “no.”
Stand up and love them! And give them God’s grace.
So you can witness to God’s perfect way.

Biblical Reference: Matthew 5
Tune: Traditional Irish melody (“Be Thou My Vision”)
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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.

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