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 warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Lent is a season of repentance. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING SONGS, Assembly

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

O -pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Je -sus, to
reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.
O -pen our ears, Lord, and help us to lis - ten.
O -pen our eyes, Lord, we want to see Je -sus.

HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought both by day and by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.


EXPLANATION OF SERVICE, Kahu Tim

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: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

CENTERING SONG standing “Turn My Heart, O God”

REFRAIN

Turn my heart, O God,
Take my pain and brokenness.
Shape my life for you.

VERSE RESPONSE (3 times)
CONFESSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who brings us safely through the sea,
who gives us water from the rock,
who leads us into the land of milk and honey.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess who we are, and come home to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

ALL: You call us your children, but our hearts are not at rest.

We live for ourselves.
We long for what is not ours.
We are careless with the fruits of creation.
We squander your gifts of love and grace.

We look but do not see.
We hear but do not understand.
We reach out but do not grasp.
We see our neighbors in need, but do not help.

Forgive us.
Turn us back to you, O God.
Give us life anew.
Amen.
ASSURANCE OF PARDON standing

KAHU: We are reconciled to God through Christ; for his sake, God does not count our trespasses against us. Once dead in sin, we are now alive to God. Once lost, we now are found. God clothes you in the finest robe of all, the righteousness of + Jesus Christ, forgiving you all your sins and making of you a new creation.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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 Isaiah 55: 1–9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to the Lord will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.
ONE:

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
   come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
   come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
   without money and without price.
2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
   and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
   and delight yourselves in rich food.

3 Incline your ear, and come to me;
   listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
   my steadfast, sure love for David.

4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
   a leader and commander for the peoples.
5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
   and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
   for he has glorified you.

6 Seek the LORD while he may be found,
   call upon him while he is near;
7 let the wicked forsake their way,
   and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
   and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
   nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
   so are my ways higher than your ways
   and my thoughts than your thoughts.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing  “Turn My Heart, O God”
REFRAIN
At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 2[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? 3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' 8He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"
ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“Pure Forgiveness!!”

SERMON SONGS, Assembly

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

HYMN

“Be Now My Vision”

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: Hearing the call to come home to the Lord, let us join the whole people of God in prayer for all who cry out in pain and in hope.

A brief silence.

Incline our ears to you, faithful God.

All: Open us to receive your word. Transform our thoughts into your thoughts, and our ways into your ways for the glory of your kingdom. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua. (God is love; love is God.)

Kahu: Send rain to dry and weary lands, and drinkable water to thirsting peoples, faithful God.

All: Quench the thirst of the earth. Provide for every living person and creature water that satisfies. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

Kahu: Make all governments thirst for your justice, faithful God.

All: Bring citizens and elected officials together to create communities where all people live in peace. Sustain us by your grace in this work. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

Kahu: Fill the cups of the thirsty, faithful God.
All: Fill the plates of the hungry. Give comfort to all who mourn and healing to all who live with mental illness. Be with all who suffer. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

Kahu: Give Calvary’s Deacons and Officers thirst for your righteousness, faithful God.

All: Fill their minds with what is *pono,* and overflow their hearts with your aloha. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

Kahu: Gather the hungry around your table, faithful God.

All: Satisfy and unite us with the body and blood of your Son. Send us out to share the bountiful feast you give to us. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

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

Kahu: Keep us in your steadfast love, faithful God.

All: We give thanks for all who mentored each of us in the faith, and now celebrate life eternal with you. By their witness we know you more fully. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

Kahu: To you, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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, Assembly**

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see Jesus, to
O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
DOXOLOGY standing

“Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau”

Hoʻonani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ʻUhane nō.

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

OFFERING PRAYER standing

KAHU: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through 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.

SANCTUS standing

The Sanctus and Words of Institution are sung following, “...we praise your name and join their unending hymn.”

THE LORD'S PRAYER in unison

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:** O God, we thank you for gathering and feeding us as a mother hen embraces her young. Release us now to go on our way in these forty days,

- ready to see our work as prayer,
- ready to fast from complacency,
- and ready to share with those in need;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

**WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 779 standing** “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
‘tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.
When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: The blessing of God Almighty,
the wisdom and power of + Christ Jesus,
and the light of the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Tonight, February 27, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Amie Lawyer
READER, USHERS AND COMMUNION ASSISTANTS, ALTAR CARE: Tribe Two
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day
LENTEN SERVICES

Every Wednesday in Lent—Midweek Lenten Service
(February 17, 24; March 2, 9, 16)

6 pm, Holden Evening Prayer in Sanctuary
6:30 pm, Soup Supper in Hale Aloha

Sunday, February 28—Lent 3
Installation of Council of Deacons

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Samoan Gospel Heralds (10 am)

Sunday, February 28—Organ Dedication Recital

6 pm, Sanctuary
Organist, Ina Young, “Suite Maritime”
Chili and Rice afterwards

Saturday, March 5—Lent 3
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom and Friends
**Sunday, March 6—Lent 4**

*Preaching*, Kahu Tim  
*Music*, Calvary Choir, “This Little Light of Mine”

**Saturday, March 12—Lent 4**

*Preaching*, Kahu Tim  
*Music*, Tom and Friends

**Sunday, March 13—Lent 5**

*Preaching*, Kahu Tim  
*Music*, Marty Haugen

**Saturday, March 19—Lent 5**

*Preaching*, Kahu Tim  
*Music*, Ina Young

**HOLY WEEK**

**Sunday, March 20—Passion Sunday**

*Ti leaf Processional and Braiding*  
*Preaching*, Kahu Tim  
*Music*, Mark Hayes and Calvary Choir