11th Sunday after Pentecost

August 20, 2017

7:30 and 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

In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *ina*  
“Greet the Rising Sun”

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

During the *Stillness* and 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 standing

JON: Jesus says, “Come to me, all you that are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”

ALL: Amen.

JON: 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, Jon

JON: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
    full of compassion and mercy,
    abounding in steadfast love.

ALL: Amen.

JON: 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.

JON: 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

“Weave One Heart”

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA seated

JON: May God’s aloha be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD
FIRST READING

Isaiah 56: 1, 6–8

_The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God’s imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category._

ONE:  

1Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. 6And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—7these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. 8Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM, sung responsively

Psalm 67

1May God be merciful to us and bless us;       
   _may the light of God’s face shine upon us._

2Let your way be known upon earth,       
   _your saving health among all nations._

3Let the peoples praise you, O God;       
   _let all the peoples praise you._

4Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,       
   _for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth._

5Let the peoples praise you, O God;       
   _let all the peoples praise you._

6The earth has brought forth its increase;       
   _God, our own God, has blessed us._

7May God give us blessing,       
   _and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe._
SECOND READING Romans 11: 1–2a, 29–32

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable, so that while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

ONE: [Paul writes:] 1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing


Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

GOSPEL standing, read responsively Matthew 15: 10–28

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be pagan and unclean approaches him for help.

JON: 10 [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him,

ALL: "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?"
He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him,

"Explain this parable to us."

Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting,

"Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying,

"Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying,

"Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said,

"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.
SERMON HYMN 716 standing  “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

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

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

A brief silence.

Unite us, O God,

ALL:  so that all who worship receive assurance and nourishment by faith. Rescue those who suffer from religious persecution. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

Jon:  Teach us, O God,

All:  so that the holy mountains and peaceful valleys, the vast oceans and the fragile reefs of your good creation can be restored to the health you intend. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.
JON:  Empower us, O God,  
ALL:  to advocate for those on the margins. Open the hearts of leaders in every nation to serve those who are most vulnerable. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

JON:  Equip us, O God,  
ALL:  with your aloha for our brothers and sisters. Heal the sick, comfort the grieving, feed the hungry, and calm those in distress. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

JON:  Rouse us, O God,  
ALL:  to praise you with gladness. We give thanks for musicians, worship leaders, intercessors, those who prepare the communion table, and all who make our worship express our joy. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

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

JON:  We give you thanks, O God, for the saints who have deepened our lives of prayer. Gather us with them in endless praise of you.
ALL:  Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.
JON:  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,

(7:30) Ina  “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”
(10 am) Amie  “Peer Gynt: Morning”
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

JON: 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

JON: The Lord be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
JON: Lift up your hearts.
ALL: We lift them to the Lord.
JON: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

JON: 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 (traditional)

ALL: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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

JON: 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 720 standing “We Are Called”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Jon

JON:  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.

JON:  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, Ina “Postlude on SAINT DENIO”
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, August 20, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
GUEST MINISTER: Dr. Jon Osorio
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
MUSIC: Amie Lawyer
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 Four—Garret Pick
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick

WORSHIP and EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, August 27—Pentecost 12

Preaching, Rev. Lauren Buck-Medeiros  
Music, Amie Lawyer, Charlie Holdaway, Tom Poole

Sunday, September 3—Pentecost 13

Honoring the Queen’s Birthday

Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Sunday, September 10—Pentecost 14

Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Lea del Castillo, “Teach Me, O Lord”

Sunday, September 17—Pentecost 15

Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir, “Offertory”

Sunday, September 24—Pentecost 16

Preaching, Kahu Tim  
Music, Calvary Choir, “Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring”