13th Sunday after Pentecost

Remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani

September 7, 2014
7:30 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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani on her birthday, and assured that Christ is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Ahe Lau Makani” (1868)
(There Is Breath)

There is a fragrance perfuming the air, a steady, gentle wind
Brought it here to me. It warms me with your love.

CHORUS
O companion of the soft, constant breeze, bearing fragrances of my land.

There is a scent perfuming the air, the misty Līlīlehua rain
Brought it unto my bosom. It warms me in my heart.
There is a fragrance that saturates, a cool, soft breeze
Brought it to cling to me, warming me with feelings.

There is fragrance wafted here, the sweet calls of birds
Brought it to find me being warmed by your voice.

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:** Beloved children of God:
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 OF SIN, *Kahu Tim*

**KAHU:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Sovereign over all the earth,
the Wisdom from on high,
our merciful Judge and Savior.

**ALL:** Amen.

**KAHU:** Let us boldly approach the throne of grace, trusting in God’s mercy
and love, as we sing “*The Queen’s Prayer.*”

*Silence is kept for reflection.*
Your love is in heaven and your truth so perfect. I live in sorrow imprisoned; you are my light, your glory my support.
Behold not with malevolence the sins of humankind, but forgive and cleanse. And so, O Lord, beneath your wings be our peace forever more.

In June 1895, after having been deposed from her throne in Hawai‘i, the imprisoned Queen Lili‘uokalani wrote a hymn to tell of her love of God, so great that she asked that even the sins of those who imprisoned her be forgiven.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: Sisters and brothers:

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. Through the living Word, + Jesus Christ, God forgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

ALL: Amen.
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: O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7–11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God’s warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

ONE: So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them
warning from me. 8If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. 9But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. 10Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" 11Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**PSALM sung responsively**

Psalm 119: 33‒40

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 beholding 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.
SECOND READING

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

ONE: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ⁸Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing


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

GOSPEL standing

Matthew 18: 15–20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵"If another member of the church
sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.

16 But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. 17 If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.

18 Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim “TRIANGULATION = STRANGULATION!”

SERMON HYMN 716 standing “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH standing “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 standing

KAHU: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

God of love, your church is a place of relationship. Give us understanding to care for you and each other with our whole hearts. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: God of love, your creation is a precious gift. Turn our hearts to share its resources wisely rather than in selfish gain. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: God of love, your desire for us is peace. As you led our Queen along paths of peace, justice and righteousness, so lead us along paths of peace, justice and righteousness. Give us delight in living with honor and loving our neighbor. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: God of love, your ways are goodness and life. Free us from those things that create fear and dread, loneliness and heartache, pain and disgrace. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: God of love, you gather us around your word, your font, and your table. Teach us to be a community of grace and witness. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Your mercy is great.

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

KAHU: God of love, your promise to us is resurrection. Confirm in us that promise as we remember those who have died trusting in you. We especially give thanks for the life and witness of Liliʻuokalani.
 Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Your mercy is great.

**KAHU:** Trusting in your mercy and goodness, we bring before you these prayers and whatever else you see that we need, in the name of the one who sets us free, 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, organ**  

*“Puna Paia ‘A’ala” (1868)*  

(Puna’s Sweet Walls)

Puna surrounded by fragrance where sweetness always lingers,  
There the delight of love occupies the thoughts.

**CHORUS**

Puna surrounded by fragrance, saturated with sweetness,  
Warmly imbued with love, is enough for you and me.

Entranced am I with the beauty of the blossoming lehua,  
I quietly made my way to fetch a blossom to be placed upon my breast.

Now that I know that you and I are alike,  
Let us wait a while as the cloud bank reposes in serenity.

The thought is slow to conjure as the blossoms above repose,  
Awaiting, listening for the voice to call one to come in.

**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:** God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**ALL:** Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING *standing*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS *standing*

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

E ko mākou Makua i loko o ka lani; E hoa nō i-ā kou I-noa.

E hiki mai kou aupuni; E mālama ‘ia kou makemake ma ka honua nei.
E like me ‘ia i mālama ‘ia ma ka la-ni la.

E hā’awi mai iā mākou i kēia lā, i ‘aina mā-kou no nē-i-a lā.

E kala mai ho‘i iā mākou, i kā mākou lawe hala ‘ana

Me mākou e kala nei i ka po‘e i lawe ha-la i kā mā-kou.

Mai ho‘oku‘u ‘oe iā mākou i ka ho‘owalewale ‘ia mai.

E ho‘opakele nō na‘e ‘ia mā-kou i ka i-no.

No ka mea Nou ke aupuni A me ka mana

A me ka ho‘onani ‘ia a mau loa a-ku. ‘Ā-me-ne. ‘Ā-me-ne.
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: We thank you, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have fed us in a way our hearts can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 656 standing “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Benediction and Sending, Kahu Tim

KAHU: May God the sower make you good and fertile soil.
May Christ the seed bloom and grow in your words and actions.
May the fruitful Spirit bring forth a bountiful yield in your lives.
God the Father,
+ Son,
and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.
ALL: Amen.
KAHU: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ

“Ku’u Pua I Paoakalani” (1895)
(My Flower in Paoakalani)

O gentle breeze that blows softly here, bringing fond memories to me,
O my sweet never fading flower that blooms inland of Paoakalani.

CHORUS
I always see the beauty of the flowers from the upland of Uluhaimalama,
But these cannot compare with my flowers in the serenity of Paoakalani.

Delicate are her features, with soft eyes as black as jet,
Pink cheeks so delicate of hue that grow inland of Paoakalani.

Ask me now of my love in the form of a riddle,
O gentle breeze, that blows softly, softly here.
O come to me that which I now desire, that grows inland of Paoakalani.
Today, September 7, 2014

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WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, September 14—Pentecost 14

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “There Is a Balm in Gilead”
Nackil Sung, tenor soloist

4th Annual Peace Day Interfaith Service

Friday, September 19, 7 pm
Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii Betsuin

Including music by the Calvary Choir

Sunday, September 21—Pentecost 15

International Day of Peace
Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “The Prayer of St. Francis”

Evensong Prayer Service for Peace, 6 pm
Calvary by the Sea Sanctuary