13th Sunday after Pentecost
Remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani

September 3, 2017
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

The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering, yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani on her 179th birthday, and offering ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, Ina

“A credo”

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

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

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: 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, Kahu Tim

KAHU: Blessed be the + holy Trinity,
the one who fashions us,
the one who heals us,
the one who reforms us again and again.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin, calling for God’s transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

ALL: we cling to our guilt instead of letting your grace free us.
We continue in our sin afraid of letting your love change our lives.

We turn your church inward. We keep it comfortable for us. We treat it as our own personal property.

Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us.

Make us into your church powered by love,
  speaking for what is right,
  acting for what is just,
  and seeking the healing of your whole creation.

KAHU: God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God’s love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

ALL: Amen.
KYRIE, standing

“The Queen’s Prayer”

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 1893, after having been deposed from the 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.]

GLORIA standing

The Gloria begins on page 121 in the front of the hymnal.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: O God, we thank you for your Son, who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by
his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA

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

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 15: 15–21

Jeremiah's delight in the word of the Lord is contradicted by the heaviness of God's hand upon him and God's seeming unfaithfulness. God's tough love to Jeremiah says that if he repents, he will be allowed to continue in his strenuous ministry. Jeremiah is strengthened by the simple words: "I am with you."

ONE: 15 O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. 16 Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. 17 I did not sit in the company of merrymakers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. 18 Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. 19 Therefore thus says the LORD: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. 20 And I will
make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. 

21I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

**PSALM, sung responsively**

Psalm 26: 1‒8

1Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

2Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.

3For your steadfast love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

4I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

6I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,

7singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the place where your glory abides.

**SECOND READING**

Romans 12: 9‒21

Paul presents benchmarks for faithful relationships with Christians and non-Christians. Love is the unflagging standard of our behavior. When we encounter evil, we do not resort to its tactics but seek to overcome it with good. While Christians cannot control the actions and attitudes of others, we seek to live at peace with all people.
ONE:  

9 Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. 11 Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. 12 Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. 16 Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. 17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. 18 If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. 19 Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." 20 No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing


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

GOSPEL standing, read responsively

Matthew 16: 21–28

After Peter confesses that Jesus is "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (16:16), Jesus reveals the ultimate purpose of his ministry. These words prove hard to accept, even for a disciple whom Jesus has called a "rock."

KAHU: 21 From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to
Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. 22 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you."

23 But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." 24 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 25 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? 27 For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. 28 Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."


All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, Kahu Tim “...you are my light, your glory my support....”

Sermon Hymn 808 standing “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

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*

**KAHU:** Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

*A brief silence.*

*We pray for the church and its mission.*

**ALL:** Make your church ready to lose its life for your sake. Unite it in service, sustain it in suffering, and let its love for others be genuine. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

**KAHU:** *We pray for the earth and its well-being.*

**ALL:** Make us mindful of the gifts you have labored to give us, and inspire us to commit ourselves to their care. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** *We pray for the nations and their leaders.*

**ALL:** Overcome evil with good. Show us how to live peaceably with all. Teach us how to love our enemies. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** *We pray for those in any need.*

**ALL:** Provide for the hungry. Rescue the persecuted. Bless those who advocate for fair and safe working conditions and for just and livable wages. Hear our prayer, *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** *We pray for this community and its ministry.*

**ALL:** Move us to persevere in prayer, to extend hospitality to strangers, to rejoice with those who rejoice, and
to weep with those who weep. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

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

**KAHU:** Alpha and Omega,

**ALL:** we give thanks for all the saints who now rest from their labors, especially Queen Lili‘uokalani. Instruct us by her witness, her ability to forgive, her love for the people and the land called Hawai‘i. Keep us in union with her and all your saints until we are joined with them around your throne. Hear our prayer, Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:** Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit.

**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, Ina**

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau”


**OFFERING PRAYER standing**

**KAHU:** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources
of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

**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: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 715 standing “Christ, Be Out Light”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:

Almighty God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
nose you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**GOING FORTH, Ina**

“`Aloha ʻOe”

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**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, September 3, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
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WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick
WORSHIP and EVENTS AHEAD

Saturday, September 9—Pentecost 14
Saturday Service Held in ‘Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Ms Amie, “Pomaika‘i”

Sunday, September 10—Pentecost 14
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Saturday, September 16—Pentecost 15
Saturday Service Held in ‘Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom

Sunday, September 17—Pentecost 15
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Offertory”

Friday, September 22—Peace Day Celebration
6:30 pm, Honpa Hongwanji (Pali)
Featured Speaker, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Imagine”