15th Sunday after Pentecost

International Day of Peace

September 21, 2014
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

Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables, in which Jesus says the reign of God is like workers who get paid the same no matter when they start. When God changes his mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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 that is Christ’s gift to us,
the love of God,
and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Generous and faithful God,

**All:** we confess to you all the ways, known and unknown, that we reject and undermine your steadfast love.

Though you made us your people,  
we treat strangers with suspicion.

Though you forgave our debts,  
we collect without mercy.

Though you do not judge us,  
we are quick to pass judgment on others.

Have mercy on us, O God. Remember not our small hearts and weak spirits. Make us alive in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**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.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY standing**

**ALL:** Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual loving kindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on
our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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

Jonah 3: 10—4: 11

After Jonah’s short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?

ONE: When God saw what [the people of Nineveh] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the
shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. 6 The Lord GOD appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. 8 When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." 9 But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." 10 Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. 11 And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 145: 1–8

1 I will exalt you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever.
3 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised! There is no end to your greatness.
4 One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.
5 I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works.
6 They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will recount your greatness.
7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.

ONE: 21 For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. 22 If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. 23 I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; 24 but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. 25 Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, 26 so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. 27 Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, 28 and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. 29 For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — 30 since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing**  
“Ka Manaʻo ʻIʻo”

Ka ma-naʻo-ʻiʻo, o ko kā-kou A-kū-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

**GOSPEL standing, read responsively**  
Matthew 20: 1–16
Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

KAHU: [Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them,

ALL: 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'

KAHU: So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them,

ALL: 'Why are you standing here idle all day?'

KAHU: ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them,

ALL: 'You also go into the vineyard.'

KAHU: ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager,

ALL: 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first,'

KAHU: ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them,

ALL: 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?'

KAHU: ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

SERMON, Kahu Tim

“How much did it cost?!”

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.

Generous God, you claim us as your own and your church declares your greatness. Make all who serve you, especially our
bishops, pastors, missionaries, diaconal ministers, and chaplains serving institutions and the military, firm in one spirit. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: The goodness of your creation is a celebration of your mighty acts. Enable us to appreciate the smallest to the largest of wonders and to be worthy stewards of all your gifts. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: People of all nations sing aloud of your righteousness. Incite us to commit acts of peace on this International Day of Peace, to break down barriers, crush complacency, and stand up to intolerance. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: Strengthen those who suffer. Transform pain into purpose, sorrow into courage, fear into generosity, and loneliness into compassion. Hear us, O God.

ALL: **Your mercy is great.**

KAHU: Form the desire of our congregation to live as the body of Christ in the world. Place among us overflowing fonts and tables set as a feast for all people. 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: The lives of your saints are evidence of your salvation. Give meaning to all our days, then grant us peaceful deaths and unite us with those we love in praising your name. 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, Calvary Choir “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
   With God our creator, children all are we.
   Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
   With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:
   To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
   Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

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: Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE FED

GREAT THANKSGIVING standing
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 God thanks and praise.

Sanctus standing

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

We come to share our story, we come to break the bread,

We come to know our rising from the dead.

We are called to heal the broken, to be hope for the poor,
You will lead and we shall follow, you will be the breath of life;
We will live and sing "Aloha." "Alleluia" is our song.

we are called to feed the hungry at our door.
living water, we are thirsting for your light.
May we live in love and peace our whole life long.

“Song of the Body of Christ,” text by David Haas; music, traditional Hawaiian, “No Ke Ano ’Ahi’ahi.”
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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.
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, the host at every meal, at this tale you spread out a feast for all peoples, the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for the least of our sisters and brothers through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our Savior. Amen.

**WE ARE SENT**

**SENDING HYMN 858** standing  “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”
BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Kahu Tim*

KAHU: The blessing of almighty God,
the Father of glory,
+ Jesus Christ our peace,
and the Spirit of truth,
be upon you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, *organ*  
“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1981, “Peace Day” is a global call for cease-fire and nonviolence. The idea for the day was proposed in a 2004 meeting between the Rev. Samuel Kobia, former general secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Kofi A. Annan, former general-secretary of the United Nations.

The intention of the International Day of Peace is to have the entire world observe a day of peace and nonviolence. Calvary by the Sea joined our sisters and brothers of other faiths this past Friday evening for a service at the Honpa Hongwanji. Tonight at 6 pm in the Sanctuary, Calvary will hold an evening Prayer Service for Peace.
Today, September 21, 2014

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young
MUSIC: Calvary Choir
INSTRUMENTALISTS: Marc Adelberger, Charlie Holdaway, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls
READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Six—Peggy Trout, leader
WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletch Young, Erin Day


WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, September 28—Pentecost 16
Rally Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “Ain-a That Good News!”

Sunday, October 5—Pentecost 17

Preaching, Kahu Tim

Music, Calvary Choir, “No Ka Beauty O Ka ‘Āina

Special “Between Services” Presentation,
Bonnie Oda, Hawaiian Humane Society

Sunday, October 5—Blessing of the Animals, 3 pm