16th Sunday after Pentecost

Remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani

September 4, 2016
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

We gather in the name of Christ, remembering Queen Lili‘uokalani on her 178th birthday (September 2, 1838). Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be strengthened in this hour to choose life in God as our own.

GATHERING, organ

“Kuʻu Pua I Paoakalani”

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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:  Sisters and brothers in Christ:
        may the love of God,
        the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
        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 only Sovereign, who dwells in light;
Christ Jesus, who came to save sinners;
the Holy Spirit, who lives within us.

ALL: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

KAHU: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another, by singing “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.]
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

KAHU: There is joy in heaven over every sinner who repents.

By the grace of God in + Christ Jesus,
who gave himself up for us all,
your sins are forgiven and you are made free.

Rejoice with the angels and with one another!
We are home in God's mercy, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

Following the Keiki Sermon the children may attend Sunday School.

GREETING OF GUESTS and SHARING OF ALOHA standing

KAHU: May God’s aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30: 15–20
Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

ONE: 15 See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17 But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. 19 I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, 20 loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

GOSSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

GOSSPEL standing

Luke 14: 25–33

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will
finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

KAHU:  

25 Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus:] and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim  

“How Much Does a Cross Weigh?!”

SERMON HYMN 798 standing  

“Will You Come and Follow Me”  

(Sing stanzas 1, 2, 5)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 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: Rejoicing in the Spirit’s work among us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Let us pray for all congregations gathered around the word and sacraments, that they be strengthened in their discipleship through these means of grace. Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God),

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Let us pray for all of creation, that it thrives and flourishes. Make us good stewards of the lands and the oceans, especially the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument. May the fish stocks be replenished, the extensive coral reefs preserved, and the marine habitats abound. Aloha ke Akua,

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Let us pray for all who lead and direct us: for elected officials, school boards, pastors, bishops, trustees, councils, ministry teams, business owners, judges, and community organizers. Aloha ke Akua,

ALL: Your mercy is great.

KAHU: Let us pray for refugees, immigrants, prisoners, and all who seek new life. Let us pray for the church organizations, including Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and the Church World Service, that through their work life, hope and prosperity may be shown to all struggling with beginning life again. Aloha
ke Akua,

**ALL:** *Your mercy is great.*

**KAHU:** Let us pray for Calvary by the Sea and our community, that they be safe places for all, especially the young and mature. Let us also pray for the delegates attending the World Conservation Congress in Honolulu this week. May a healthier relationship with God’s planet be restored through hearts and minds revived and refreshed by the forgiveness and grace of Christ. *Aloha ke Akua.*

**ALL:** *Your mercy is great.*

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

**KAHU:** Let us remember with thanksgiving the dearly departed who 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, and bring us, with her, into the promised land. *Aloha ke Akua,*

**ALL:** *Your mercy is great.*

**KAHU:** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**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,**  *Choir*  

“He Pule (A Prayer)”  

*(1874)*

Regard us, O Lord, your servants, as we ask for your patience.  
Feed us with heavenly manna, may your Spirit continue the cleanliness of our hearts.  
Deliver us from all evil, give goodness and peace.  
For blessings, praise be the name of the Father, the Son, and Spirit. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY**  *standing*  

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”


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

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN 481 standing “Come to the Table”

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.

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 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

ALL: We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WE ARE SENT
SENDING SONG standing

“Faithful, Faithful Is Our God”

REFRAIN

Ka ma-na-o-i-o, o ko kā-kou A-ku-a, Faith-ful, faith-ful is our God.

VERSES

1. In love there is no one more faith-ful than our God,
   who brings the light in-to our dark-ness,
   God who shares the breath of life in you and me,
   then wakes us with the morn-ing light.

2. In quiet mo-ments God whis-pers ten-der-ly
   the mys-tery of un-end-ing love;
   for God is good and holds us as we sleep
   God’s faith-ful peo-ple in the world.

3. The mer-cy of our God is ours to share each day,
   to help each oth-er on our way,
   to be God’s hands and heart, God’s ten-der-ness and care,

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, Kahu Tim

KAHU: God Almighty send you light and truth to keep you all the days of your life.
      The hand of God protect you;
      the holy angels accompany you;
      and the blessing of almighty God,
      the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,
      be with you now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

KAHU: Go in peace. Remember the poor.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

GOING FORTH, organ

“Ahe Lau Makani”

Today, September 4, 2016

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