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 are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

GATHERING, piano

“God Extends an Invitation”

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.

GATHERING HYMN

“Pili Pa‘a”
“Pili Pa’a”

Refrain

Pi-li pa-‘a no kā-u-a, me ke-a-lo-ha a mau lo-a. We come to geth-er in love and hope, to stand as one.

Verses

1. And in our one-ness we are called to be the chil-dren of the Lord:

One in our hopes, one in our faith, one in our love.

2. And in our walk we are called to be the ser-vants of the Lord:

To vis-it the sick, to clothe the poor, to feed the lost.

3. We share this prayer, prayer of thanks to bless this bread and cup of wine

fruit of the vine, grain of the fields, work of our hands.

4. And as we go forth from this place we go as signs of the liv-ing God:

Signs of new hope, signs of new life, of a new day!

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, Godforgives your every debt, your every sin, and gives you a new heart and a new spirit.

**ALL:** Amen.
PRAYER OF THE DAY *standing*

**ALL:** Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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  
Isaiah 25: 1–9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—*which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up*—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

**ONE:** O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.  

2 For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt.  

3 Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  

4 For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  

5 the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of
the ruthless was stilled. 6 On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. 9 It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

2 The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING Philippians 4: 1–9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance.
God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

ONE: Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 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. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

Al le lu ia, al le lu ia, al le lu ia, al le lu ia.

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

GOSPEL standing

Matthew 22: 1–14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

KAHU: Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. 3 He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 4 Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' 5 But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, 6 while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. 7 The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. 8 Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. 9 Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 10 Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, 12 and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

KEIKI SERMON, Kahu Tim

SERMON, Kahu Tim

"ALL Are Invited!"

SERMON HYMN 486 standing

"God Extends an Invitation"
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.*

Come near us, Lord God. Let your church rejoice at your banquet where all are invited and welcomed, washed and fed, forgiven and chosen. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** *Aloha ke Akua.* (*God is love; love is God.*)

**KAHU:** Come near us, Lord God. Let your creation rejoice in healthy reefs, clean waters, green mountains, in harvested fields, along city streets, down country roads, and throughout the valleys. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Come near us, Lord God. Let your world rejoice in peace which surpasses understanding, at tables overflowing with good food and drink, and where shrouds of sorrow are lifted. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** *Aloha ke Akua.*

**KAHU:** Come near us, Lord God. Let your people rejoice with faces wiped
free of tears, minds unbound from disgrace, bodies freed from suffering, and souls restored. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.
KAHU: Come near us, Lord God. Let your faithful rejoice in every assembly, in praise and singing, word and deed, unrestrained from worry and unchained from fear. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: Come near us, Lord God. Let those who wait for you rejoice with all the saints, whose names are in the book of life and who now sit at the great feast with you. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.
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, piano, voice, cajon “Trip the Light”

DOXOLOGY standing “Hoʻonani 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

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 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

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, 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: O God, the host at every meal, at this table 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.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 873 standing “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

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, *piano and cajon*

“Praan”

Today, October 12, 2014

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea  
**KAHU:** Tim Mason  
**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole  
**CANTOR:** Fletch Young  
**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young  
**MUSIC:** Fletch and Ina Young  
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**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Fletch Young, Erin Day  

WORSHIP SERVICES AHEAD

Sunday, October 19—Pentecost 19
Founders’ Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim (7:30); John Travis (10:00)
Music, Performing Arts Calvary
Calvary Choir, “Psalm 121”
Sunday, October 26—Pentecost 20
Reformation Sunday

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Te Ensalzaré Señor”

Special Presentation, Teresa Berg, “Wendy’s Children”

Sunday, November 2—All Saints Sunday
Lei of Remembrance strung at both services.

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Sail On, O My Soul,”
“Ain-a That Good News!”

Sunday, November 9—Pentecost 22

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Sunday, November 16—Pentecost 23

Preaching and Music, Chaplain Tammy Turcios and Women from Total Life Recovery Program

Sunday, November 23—Reign of Christ

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Jesus, My Joy Forever,“
“Psalm 121”