18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2016
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

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recall that we are bought with a price. "Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all." Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God's gracious favor we have everything we need.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, organ

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.

CONFESSSION OF SIN, Kahu Tim
The Confession and Forgiveness of Sin begins on page 116 in the front of the hymnal.

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: God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREETING OF GUESTS seated

SHARING OF ALOHA standing
KAHU: May God’s aloha be with you.
ALL: And also with you.
WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

ONE: 4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, 5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, 6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat." 7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 113

1 Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.
2 Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
3 From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.
The LORD is high above all nations, 
God's glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, 
who sits enthroned on high,

but stoops to behold 
the heavens and the earth?

The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust 
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,

enthroning them with the rulers, 
with the rulers of the people.

The LORD makes the woman of a childless house 
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING 1 Timothy 2: 1–7

The Pastoral Epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

ONE: First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all —this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.
Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest man who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.

**KAHU:** 1Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3Then the manager said to himself,

**ALL:** 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.'

**KAHU:** 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first,

**ALL:** 'How much do you owe my master?'

**KAHU:** 6He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him,

**ALL:** 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

**KAHU:** 7Then he asked another,

**ALL:** 'And how much do you owe?'

**KAHU:** He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him,

**ALL:** 'Take your bill and make it eighty.'
And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“COMPASSION: AN ORIGINAL VALUE??”

“Faithful, Faithful Is Our God”

Ka ma-na-ʻo-ʻi-ʻo, o ko ʻa-ku-a, Faithful, faithful is our God.
1. In love there is no one more faith-ful than our God,

2. In quiet mo-ments God whis-perst ten-der-ly

3. The mer-cy of our God is ours to share each day,

who brings the light in-to our dark-ness,

the mys-tery of un-end-ing love;

to help each oth-er on our way,

the God who shares the breath of life in you and me,

for God is good and holds us as we sleep

to be God's hands and heart, God's ten-der-ness and care,

all liv-ing things up-on the earth.

then wakes us with the morn-ing light.

God's faith-ful peo-ple in the world.


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.

Giver of the feast, bless your church and all who hunger and thirst.

ALL: Nourish us richly with your word and meal, and send us as signs of your living presence in the world. Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God), hear our prayer.

KAHU: Ruler of the earth, bring forth an abundant harvest from fields, orchards, gardens, rivers, and oceans.

ALL: Renew fields that will soon lie fallow, and fields being restored for a sustainable culture. Feed and protect all creatures both on land and in the ocean. Aloha ke Akua, hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of the nations, we pray for places in the world affected by conflict, war, and turmoil.

ALL: We pray that your perfect peace and order be restored. Aloha ke Akua, hear our prayer.

KAHU: God of our weary years, ALL: we remember before you those among us who are sick or who are recovering from illness or surgery. Aloha ke Akua, hear our prayer.

KAHU: God our beginning and ending, we thank you for hope even in the midst of despair.

ALL: Visit this assembly with your light and truth. Aloha ke Akua, hear our prayer.
**W.H.A.L.E., a time of thanks for answered prayer and prayer requests.**

**KAHU:** *God of our silent tears,* we remember the faithful departed who make up the great cloud of witnesses.

**ALL:** *Gather us all in praise around your throne.* *Aloha ke Akua,* hear our prayer.

**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.

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Anyone desiring individual prayer and intercessions please contact Kahu Tim or members of the Stephen Ministry team at the conclusion of the worship service.

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**PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS,** organ

**DOXOLOGY** standing

“*Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau*”


**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.”
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

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 HYMN standing

“Pili Pa’a”

“Pili Pa’a” is found on page 14.
Refrain

Pili pa’a no kā-u-a, me ke aloha a mau lo-a. We come to gather in love and hope, to stand as one.

Verses

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

To visit 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 living God:

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

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* “Largo”

Today, September 18, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea

KAHU: Tim Mason

WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole

ORGANIST AND PIANIST: Ina Young

READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE: Tribe Four—Janet and Garrick Pick

WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT: Fletcher Young, Erin Day

WORSHIP AHEAD

Sunday, September 18 — Calvary Peace Vigil
6 pm, Calvary Sanctuary
Presiding, Kahu Tim
Music, Holden Evening Prayer

Saturday, September 24 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ʽOhana Hale
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom

Sunday, September 25 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Becky Yoza, Solo Handbell Ringer

Saturday, October 1 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ʽOhana Hale
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Ms. Amie and Tom