19th Saturday after Pentecost

Founders’ Saturday

October 14, 2017
6:30 pm

On this Founders Saturday we remember the first worship service on October 17, 1954, of what would become Calvary by the Sea Lutheran Church. The service was held in the banquet room of M’s Ranch House in ‘Aina Haina. We thank God for Phillip Dybvig and Gaylord Falde, visionaries of the creation of a new Lutheran Mission Church in Hawai‘i, and the Austin Circuit in Southern Minnesota for funding the mission. It is completely appropriate that on this 2017 Founders Saturday, celebrating the 63rd year of existence, that Calvary begins our weekend of worship in an informal, small gathering on a Saturday night in ‘Ohana Lani, the “heavenly family” building! Thanks be to God!
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, John and Ina

“"We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Please gather as the piano duet calls us to worship.

A TIME TO BE STILL

During the Stillness 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 rather than 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY standing

ALL: God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
    Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those
    things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation,
    through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
GREETING OF GUESTS AND SHARING OF ALOHA seated

KAHU: May God’s aloha be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

GREETING HYMN 661 standing “I Love to Tell the Story”

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story, because I know it’s true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.

I love to tell the story; ‘twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story: how pleasant to repeat
What seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
The message of salvation from God’s own holy word.

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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.
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. 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. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. 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, 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. 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. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; 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. 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, read responsively

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

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:

1 My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. 2 I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 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. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 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. 9 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

“Kanaka Waiwai”

It was on the path that Jesus chanced to meet with a
young man of position, renowned for his wealth.

The youth spoke, saying, "O my good Lord, what, indeed, must I do to gain eternal life?"

Chorus:

"Give away, give away completely all of your many riches. Turn and follow me to gain eternal life."

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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: ¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying. ²"The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. 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.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' 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. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. 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.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Kahu Tim
“What are YOU waiting for?”

SERMON HYMN 720 standing
“We Are Called”

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 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.

Loving God, restore what is broken in your church.

ALL: Heal divisions among Christian communities, give courage to leaders facing hardship, and open our ears to the prophets' cries among us. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: Gracious God, restore what is broken in creation.

ALL: Revive farmlands, vineyards and reefs, protect waters, estuaries and oceans needed by all living things, and move us to care for this earthly home. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Mighty God, restore what is broken in our world.

ALL: Quell the rush to violence between peoples and nations. Break down dividing walls and promote understanding for the sake of the common good. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: O God, restore our broken bodies.
ALL: We pray for those suffering loss: those grieving the loss of loved ones through senseless gun violence, those who have lost homes or property, the imprisoned, those neglected or abandoned, and the sick. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: Saving God, restore our faith in you.

ALL: We pray for Bible study and small group leaders, Stephen Ministers, Sunday school teachers, musicians, devotion writers, and for all whose work nurtures our faith. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU: We remember the saints whose devotion proclaimed your saving help. In company with them, root us firmly in your everlasting love.

ALL: Hear us, O God. 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 “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:  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 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.

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.
**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 (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.
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 726 standing “Light Dawns on a Weary World”

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,
bless 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.
Tonight, October 14, 2017

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
PIANISTS: Ina Young and John Travis
**WORSHIP and EVENTS @ CALVARY**

**Saturday, October 21—Pentecost 20**

*Saturday Service Held in ‘Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Ms. Amie, Tom*

**Sunday, October 22—Pentecost 20**

*PAC Sunday—Sermon in Drama, Song, and Movement*

*Preaching, PAC*

*Music, PAC*

**Saturday, October 28—Pentecost 21**

*Saturday Service Held in ‘Ohana Lani, 6:30 pm*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Tom*

**Sunday, October 29—Pentecost 21**

*Reformation Sunday*

*Preaching, Kahu Tim*

*Music, Choir, “A Faith of Questions,” “My Eternal King”*