20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2017
7:30 and 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

Today we are led in worship by the students of Performing Arts @ Calvary. Through drama, music, and movement these students prompt us to consider the depths of God’s grace. In gathering for worship we are also reminded that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, Ina

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

A TIME TO BE STILL (RINGING OF THE BELL)

During the Stillness and 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 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:** Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 267 *standing*

“Joy to the World!”
*(sing stanzas 1, 2, and 4)*

WE HEAR THE WORD

FIRST READING 1 Thessalonians 1: 1–10

*Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.*

**ONE:** 1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. 2 We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing**


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

**GOSPEL standing, read responsively**

Matthew 22: 15–22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

Kahu: 15 The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. 16 So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,

All: "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. 17 Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"
Kahu: But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered,

All: "The emperor's."

Kahu: Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.


All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon in Drama, Song, and Movement, PAC

"Jesus Came to Our Rescue"
Bella Sylvester, solo
Kalia and Tallula Sylvester, readers

"He's Alive!"
Best Friend, Tiffany, Kalia Sylvester
Best Friend, Matt, Oa Dunn
Best Friend, Damien, Damien Hamilton
Brother Body, Brody Stay
Younger Sister, Angela, Tallula Sylvester
Older Sister, Penelope Stay
Youngest Sister, Violet Stay
Dad, Tyler Borror
Mom, Ashley Robinson

"Have You Heard the News?"

"Sin Chair"
Narrators, Amelia Hamilton, Bella Sylvester
Man, Carter Holden
Sisters, Kaili and Maila Shykowski
Boy on Cell Phone, Braden Robinson
Prayer Warriors, Ferris Young, Ryder Brink

“Lord, We Lift Your Name on High”
Braden Robinson, Penelope Stay, duet

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.

SERMON HYMN 709 standing

“When Our Song Says Peace”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH standing

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.

Trusting in God, we pray for the church.

ALL: Fill all worshipers with your Holy Spirit. Grant them generous hearts to share God's splendor revealed to them in Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua
(God is love; love is God).

**KAHU:** We pray for creation:

**ALL:** for the power of sun, wind, and water, for the magnificence of life in forms too many to number.

Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** We pray for the nations:

**ALL:** for leaders of governments, for fair commerce between nations, for treasurers, boards of directors, and all who justly distribute monetary resources. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** We pray for the poor and outcast,

**ALL:** for those who cannot afford food, medicine, clothing, and shelter, for the communities and agencies who serve the needy and advocate on their behalf. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

**KAHU:** Trusting in God's healing power, we pray for this congregation:

**ALL:** for the unemployed and overworked, for all who are burdened by debt, for the sick and those in particular need. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

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

**KAHU:** We give thanks for the saints of every time and place.

**ALL:** By your Spirit, grant us sure confidence in the everlasting glory you promise. 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 prayers for healing and intercessions please see the Stephen Ministry member near the organ at the conclusion of the worship service.
PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS, *Ina* “Wonderful Words of Life”

DOXOLOGY *standing* “Hoʻonani i ka Makua Mau”


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.

**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: 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
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.  

GOING FORTH, Ina  

“Blessed Assurance”
INTERCESSIONS FOR HEALING

Individual and private *Intercessions for Healing* will be offered today following the morning worship by members of the Stephen Ministry. Please go to the back of the sanctuary following the *Benediction* for anointing and intercessory prayers for healing. Calvary by the Sea, in its ministry of healing, does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather Calvary by the Sea offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God’s presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God’s promise of wholeness and peace, and God’s love embodied in this community of faith.

Today, October 22, 2017

**MINISTERS:** All Members of Calvary by the Sea  
**KAHU:** Tim Mason  
**WORSHIP AND THE ARTS:** Tom Poole  
**ORGANIST AND PIANIST:** Ina Young  
**PERFORMING ARTS @ CALVARY:** Sandra Stevens, *Director*; Ina Young, *Musical Director*; Andrew Barrio, *Assistant*  
**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Marc Adelberger, Edwin Ahlers, Charlie Holdaway, Chris Jansen, Bruce Kau, Amie Lawyer, Jon Osorio, Tim Sprowls  
**READER, USHERS, COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR CARE:** Tribe One  
**WORSHIP PRODUCTION SUPPORT:** Fletcher Young, Erin Day, Kanoa Pick  

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