Saturday Sunset Worship

October 15, 2016
6:30 pm

On this Founders Weekend 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 ʻAina Haina. We thank God for Phillip Dybvig and Gaylord Falde, visionaries of the creation of a new Lutheran Mission Church in Hawaiʻi, and the Austin Circuit in Southern Minnesota for funding the mission. Thanks be to God that on this 2016 Founders Sunday, we celebrate Calvary’s 62nd birthday!
WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is the encouragement of the Christ of the gospel today. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

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.

GATHERING SONG standing

“Pili Pa’a”
Refrain

Pi-li pa-ʻa 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 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.*

God of overflowing grace,

**ALL:** we come to you with repentant hearts.

Forgive us for shallow thankfulness.
Forgive us for passing by the ones in need.
Forgive us for setting our hopes on fleeting treasures.
Forgive us for thinking only of ourselves.

Bring us home from the wilderness of sin, and strengthen
us to serve you in all that we do and say; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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:** O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are
always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and
night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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**

*Genesis 32: 22‒31*

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

**ONE:** The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is
preserved."  The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**PSALM read responsively**

Psalm 121

1 I lift up my eyes \( \text{to the hills;} \)

\( \text{from where is my help to come?} \)

2 My help comes \( \text{from the LORD,} \)

\( \text{the maker of heaven and earth.} \)

3 The LORD will not let your foot be moved

\( \text{nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.} \)

4 Behold, the keeper of Israel

\( \text{will neither slumber nor sleep;} \)

5 the LORD watches over you;

\( \text{the LORD is your shade at your right hand;} \)

6 the sun will not strike you by day,

\( \text{nor the moon by night.} \)

7 The LORD will preserve you from all evil

\( \text{and will keep your life.} \)

8 The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,

\( \text{from this time forth forevermore.} \)

**SECOND READING**

2 Timothy 3: 14—4: 5

Paul continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

ONE: 14 But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, 15 and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. 16 All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, 17 so that everyone
who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

4:1 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: 2 proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. 3 For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. 5 As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION standing

GOSPEL standing, read responsively

Luke 18: 1–8

Jesus tells a parable of a hateful judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God’s people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

KAHU: 1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. 2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. 3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying,

ALL:  'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

KAHU: 4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself,
'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

“Wrestling with God”

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

“Standing”

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: Set free by the truth of God’s gracious love, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s good creation.

* A brief silence. *

Protector of all, guard your creation from evil.

ALL: Help your church provide sanctuary for all who are in need. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua* (God is love; love is God).

KAHU: Creator of all, you made the sun, the moon, and the stars.

ALL: Bless efforts to restore clean air and water, that your pure light may shine upon the entire world. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Keeper of all life, you provide justice for the nations.

ALL: Call upon leaders and judges, lawyers and advocates to proclaim your justice where injustice rules. Hear us, O God, *Aloha ke Akua*.

KAHU: Nurturing healer, you reach out to those who have lost heart.

ALL: Ease their suffering, relieve their pain, comfort the
dying, and calm the troubled. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU:  *God of unfailing love*, you are our first and best teacher.

ALL:  Guide all who teach in schools, homes, churches, seminaries, and in public life. Let your love shine forth in their teaching. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

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

KAHU:  *Holy One*, you bless all those who cry out to you.

ALL:  We give thanks for the persistent witness of your blessed saints who now rest in your just and righteous presence. Hear us, O God, Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU:  Into your hands, faithful God, we place ourselves and our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your mercy; through 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, Tom**

**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

HOLY COMMUNION HYMN 481 standing “Come to the Table”

Come to the table of mercy, prepared with the wine and the bread. All who are hungry and thirsty, come, and your souls will be fed. Come at the Lord’s invitation; receive from his nail-scarred hand. Eat of the bread of salvation; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

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 (contemporary), 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

KAHU: 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.

ALL: Amen.

WE ARE SENT


**SENDING 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, inscenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
I’ll sing the old, old story that I have loved so long.

**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.
Tonight, October 15, 2016

MINISTERS: All Members of Calvary by the Sea
KAHU: Tim Mason
WORSHIP AND THE ARTS: Tom Poole
WORSHIP AHEAD

Saturday, October 22—23rd Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale
Preaching, Tom
Music, Ina

Sunday, October 23—23rd Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching, Tom
Music, Keiki Choir; Calvary Choir, “Hoe Amau”

Saturday, October 29—24th Sunday after Pentecost
6:30—7:30 pm, Sunset Worship in ‘Ohana Hale
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Tom

Sunday, October 30—24th Sunday after Pentecost
Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “God, So Loved the World”