6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2015
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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the between: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

SOUNDING OF THE PŪ

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

GATHERING, *piano* “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

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, *Rev. David Kieffer*

**KAHU:** Precious children of God:
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.

CONFESSION OF SIN, *Pastor Dave*

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 of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to
proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the
courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully
witness to your love and peace in every circumstance
of life, in the name of 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

Ezekiel 2: 1–5

In 597 B.C., the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

ONE:

1 [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. 2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

PSALM sung responsively

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
4 too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.
Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

One: I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation standing

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God’s word and relieve affliction.

KAHU: 1[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said,

ALL: "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?"

KAHU: And they took offense at him. 4Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." 5And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; 9but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." 12So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.


ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, Pastor Dave
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

KAHU: Gathered by the Holy Spirit and fed by the word, we come together as the people of God to pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, we pray for the church throughout the world, that you guide it in all its endeavors and inspire it to proclaim the gospel with boldness. Hear us, O God.

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

KAHU: We pray for earth and sky, seas and deserts, plant and animal habitats, that your good creation thrive and flourish. Hear us, O God.

ALL: Aloha ke Akua.

KAHU: We pray for leaders eager to show mercy, that your justice spreads to all nations and that all may celebrate freedom from
oppression. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:** We pray for those who live with chronic pain or disease that leaves no outward sign, for those who grieve, and for all those who are sick or hospitalized. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:** We pray for this assembly, for those who are visiting, those who are travelling, and those who cannot be with us today, that all experience Christ's presence and peace. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Aloha ke Akua.

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

**KAHU:** We remember with gratitude the saints who endured persecutions for the sake of Christ. Uphold us also with your all-sufficient grace until we join them at the heavenly banquet. Hear us, O God.

**ALL:** Aloha ke Akua.

**KAHU:** Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior.

**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, piano**

“Nearer, Still Nearer”

**DOXOLOGY standing**

“Ho‘onani i ka Makua Mau”

Ho‘onani i ka Makua mau. Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane nō.

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. **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*

KAHU:  Wise and generous God, we thank you that at this holy table you have fed us again with the food of everlasting life. Send us with your blessing to seek the good of our neighbor and call others to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

ALL:  Amen.

WE ARE SENT

SENDING HYMN 546 *standing*  “To Be Your Presence”

BENEDICTION AND SENDING, *Pastor Dave*

KAHU:  Almighty and merciful God,
       Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
       bless,
       preserve,
       and keep you this day and forevermore.

ALL:  Amen.

KAHU:  Go in peace.
       Live in love, as Christ loved us.

ALL:  Thanks be to God.
Today, July 5, 2015

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Kahu: Tim Mason
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WORSHIP and EVENTS AHEAD

Sunday, July 12—Pentecost 7

Preaching, Kahu Tim
Music, Calvary Choir, “Be Thou My Vision”