

Makawao Union Church



**Communion and
Second Sunday After Christmas**

January 3, 2021

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To The Rev. Dave Williams for being our supply Pastor.

To Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter, Pastor Dave and John Rowehl for our live music today.

To Lewis Gamble for being our host today.

To Jay Slaughter and Joy Webster for being our readers today.

To Pastor Dave for our Call to Offering today.

To our Worship Tech and Design Teams: David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, and Bill Kepler.

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold***

We Welcome and Prepare

Aloha and Announcements

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Leader: We invite you to greet one another in a sign of God's peace.

Prelude

A Prayer for Unity

Robert J. Powell

Prayers to Gather Us In

Pastor Dave will lead us in a gathering prayer this morning.

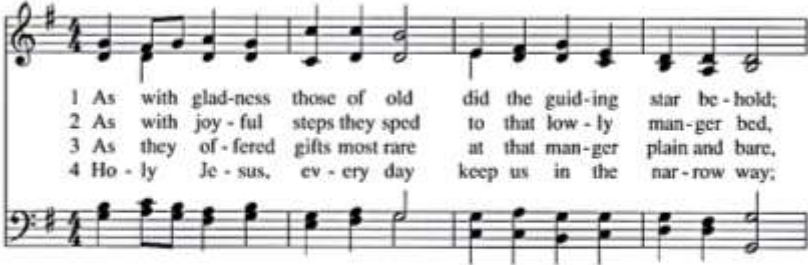
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

As with Gladness Those of Old

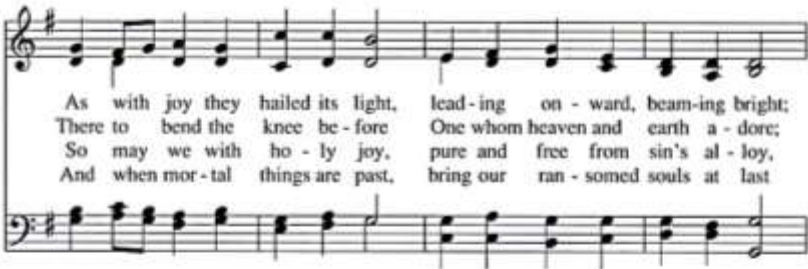
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William C. Dix, 1861; alt.

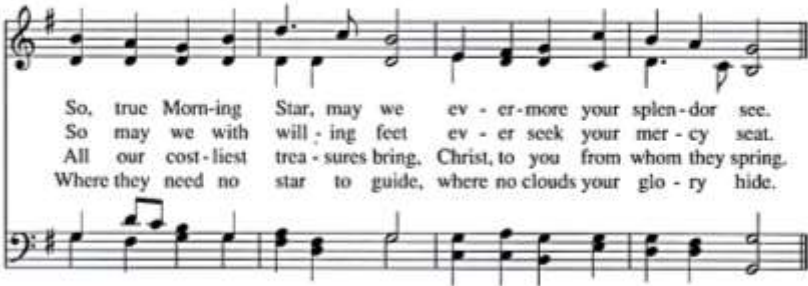
Mat. 2:1-12



1 As with glad-ness those of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped to that low - ly man-ger bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at that man-ger plain and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;



As with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;
 There to bend the knee be - fore One whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 So may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 And when mor - tal things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last



So, true Morn - ing Star, may we ev - er - more your splen - dor see.
 So may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek your mer - cy seat.
 All our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to you from whom they spring.
 Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds your glo - ry hide.

After reading the Epiphany gospel, William C. Dix penned this hymn. Dix, the manager of a marine insurance company, was also a gifted hymnwriter. Among his many fine contributions is "What Child Is This."

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

We Listen

Sacred Texts

Jeremiah 31:7-14 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jay Slaughter

⁷ For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸ See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹ With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰ Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock. ¹¹ For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹² They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³ Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. ¹⁴ I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

John 1:10-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

Jay Slaughter

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹² But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

¹⁵ A holy people and blameless race wisdom delivered from a nation of oppressors. ¹⁶ She entered the soul of a servant of the Lord, and withstood dread kings with wonders and signs. ¹⁷ She gave to holy people the reward of their labors; she guided them along a marvelous way, and became a shelter to them by day, and a starry flame through the night. ¹⁸ She brought them over the Red Sea, and led them through deep waters; ¹⁹ but she drowned their enemies, and cast them up from the depth of the sea.

²⁰ Therefore the righteous plundered the ungodly; they sang hymns, O Lord, to your holy name, and praised with one accord your defending hand; ²¹ for wisdom opened the mouths of those who were mute, and made the tongues of infants speak clearly.

Message

Following Stars

Pastor Dave

Anthem

Brightest and Best

Mark Schweizer

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all!

Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and off'rings divine?
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine.

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us Thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

(Text by Bishop Reginald Heber)

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer

A Carol

Roland E. Martin

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Holy Communion

The Invitation

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Sharing of the Bread and Wine

Communion reflection while you take your elements:

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

J.S.B. Hodges

The Thanksgiving Prayer (in unison)

“We give thanks, O God, because in your own free gift of love you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.”

Call to Our Offering

Pastor Dave

Installation of Officers and Board Members

Hymn

Build a Longer Table

(Singing Welcome)

(See Last Page)

We Go Forth

Benediction

*'O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani
A 'o kou 'oiā i'o, He hemolele ho'i. 'Āmene.*

English translation:

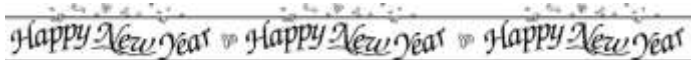
Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.

Postlude

In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Michael Bach

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

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- ◆ **Men's Breakfast** Will be meeting on Saturday, January 9th at 8:30AM at Kula Bistro – all men are welcome!
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** Is eager to open hopefully on Saturday, January 16th. Stay tuned to the 'Elele for updates!

Upcoming Events:

Jan. 09 8:30AM – Men's Breakfast – Kula Bistro
Jan. 10 10:20AM Log/Dial in – Zoom Worship
 10:30AM Worship – Zoom

Build A Longer Table

1. Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2. Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail,
 3. Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4. When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hung - er, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will break the jail walls, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fence - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clu - ded; all must find a home.

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