

Makawao Union Church



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

**Please stand in body or in spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold***

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Just As I Am

Larry Shackley

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song

Here We Gather as God's People

**Here we gather as God's people
with our friends from far and near;
Let our voices sound with praises
knowing Christ has called us here.
Now we seek and greet each other,
now in joy approach our friends.
Here we mingle, bound together
as to all our love extends.**

*Call to Celebration

One: Look to the mountains; look to the hills!

Many: Love comes to us with joy!

One: The world is filled with beauty.

**Many: Flowers appear on the earth,
birdsong brightens the day.**

One: Crops yield their produce in abundance,
the air is filled with sweetness.

Many: The summer of God's love is with us.

One: Let the oil of gladness anoint your souls.

Many: Arise and sing for joy!

*Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

#12 (The New Century Hymnal)

Descant

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye:
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

Gathering Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you....

Lord's Prayer

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.

We Hear the Good News

Anthem

By Our Love

arr. Gregg Sewell

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.

Chorus: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand;
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side;
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come;
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.

(Lyrics by Peter Scholtes)



James 1:17-27 (NRSV)

Judy Anderson

¹⁷ Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸ In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. ¹⁹ You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰ for your anger does not produce God's righteousness.

²¹ Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²² But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³ For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴ for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵ But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶ If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷ Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (NRSV)

Bill Kepler

7 Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, ² they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴ and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵ So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶ He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This

people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Sermon “Clean Up Your Act” **Martha-Lee Bohn**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

**God of light and beauty, every gift is from you.
Even our ability to give is a blessing of your love.
We offer you what we have and what we are.
Use our gifts to give birth to a world where none are in need
and where all draw close to your grace.
Amen.**

*Hymn *Though I May Speak* (CCLI and One License)

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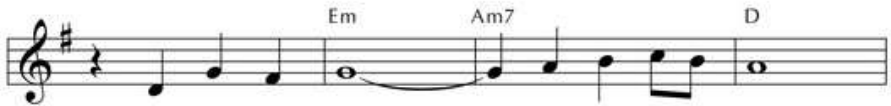
Though I May Speak

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The Gift of Love



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

We Go Forth

Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer

Queen Lili'uokalani

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

English translation:

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

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- ◆ **Next Sunday** will be Communion Sunday. Don't forget to set your communion table at home so that we may commune together safely from our homes.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** remains closed while the Covid case counts are so high. Please see their Facebook page for updates on reopening news.
- ◆ **Give Aloha** During the month of September, you can donate up to \$249 to each non-profit organization participating in Foodland's *Give Aloha* campaign. All you need is a Maika'i card and donations are payable in the form of cash, check, or credit card at the checkout counter. The donation amount and name of the organization will appear on your receipt. Foodland will then pass on your gift to the organization, along with an additional donation. MUC Code: 78617
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast** will be on Saturday, September 11th at 8:30AM at the Kula Bistro. All men are welcome to join for a great meal and fellowship!

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Martha-Lee Bohn for being our supply Pastor.

To the Deacons for providing the Altar flowers.

To Judy Anderson and Bill Kepler for being our readers today.

To Judy Anderson, Diana Dahl, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler, and **John Rowehl,** for our live music today.

To Chris Kepler for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events:

Sep 3	6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Sep 5	10:30AM Worship – Zoom
Sep 6	** Labor Day ** Remote Office Closed
Sep 11	8:30AM Men’s Breakfast, Kula Bistro

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