

# **Makawao Union Church**



**Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**September 12, 2021**

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

## *The Time of Preparation*

Prelude

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Jason W. Krug

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

\*Gathering Song      *Gather Us In*

**Here in this place, the new light is streaming,  
shadows of doubt are vanished away.  
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,  
brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken;  
gather us in; our spirits inflame.  
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;  
we shall arise at the sound of our name.**

\*Call to Worship

One: We are called to follow Jesus.

**Many: But following Jesus isn't easy.**

One: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

**Many: It will change our whole lives.**

One: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

**Many: Lord, we come seeking your wisdom and guidance.**

**Amen.**

*Unison*

1 Christ will come a - gain, God's jus - tice to com - plete, to  
 2 Christ will come a - gain and life shall be com - plete. The  
 3 Christ will come a - gain, and joy shall be com - plete as

reap the fields of time and sift the weeds from wheat: then  
 wa - ters from the throne shall wash the na - tions' feet: then  
 flames of light - ning love be - deck the judg - ment seat: then

let us pas - sion - ate - ly care for peace and jus - tice here on earth,  
 let us pas - sion - ate - ly care for health and whole - ness here on earth,  
 let us pas - sion - ate - ly share the whole great gos - pel here on earth,

and e - vil's rage re - strain with love, till Christ shall come a - gain.  
 and ease our neigh - bor's pain with love, till Christ shall come a - gain.  
 un - til all things at - tain their end, when Christ shall come a - gain.

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

*Even When God Is Silent*

Sumner Jenkins

I believe in the sun  
even when it isn't shining.  
I believe in love  
even when feeling it not.  
I believe in God  
even when God is silent.  
I believe in the silence.

(Anonymous text found on a basement wall in Cologne, Germany. It had been written by someone hiding from the Gestapo during the Nazi holocaust.)

Scripture

**Mark 8:27-38 (NRSV)**

Judi Nakanelua

<sup>27</sup> Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" <sup>28</sup> And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." <sup>29</sup> He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." <sup>30</sup> And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. <sup>31</sup> Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. <sup>32</sup> He said all

this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.  
<sup>33</sup> But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” <sup>34</sup> He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>35</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. <sup>36</sup> For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? <sup>37</sup> Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? <sup>38</sup> Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

**James 3:1-12 (NRSV)**

Judi Nakanelua

3 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. <sup>2</sup> For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. <sup>3</sup> If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. <sup>4</sup> Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. <sup>5</sup> So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. <sup>7</sup> For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. <sup>10</sup> From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. <sup>11</sup> Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? <sup>12</sup> Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Sermon

“Mind Your Tongue!”

**Martha-Lee Bohn**

*We Respond with Thanksgiving*

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God, we hear and we respond  
to your words of wisdom,  
your words of call and life.  
May these gifts, not only of our money,  
but of our very selves—  
our words, our thoughts, our actions—  
be acceptable to you, and help spread your words  
of life and love. Amen.**

\*Hymn      *For the Faithful Who Have Answered*  
#384 (The New Century Hymnal)

(See Last Page)

*We Go Forth*

Benediction

\*The Queen's Prayer      Queen Lili'uokalani      # 580

***'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      *Carillon de Joie*      Douglas Wagner

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- ◆ **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 Makawao Union Church in Foodland's *Give Aloha* campaign. All you need is a Maika'i card (if you don't have one you can set it up at the checkout register) and donations are payable in the form of cash, check, or credit card at the checkout counter. Foodland/Sac N Save/Foodland Farms will then pass on your gift to Makawao Union Church, along with an additional donation. MUC Code: 78617. Don't forget to turn in your Foodland receipt (make sure your name appears on the receipt) to our Financial Secretary by scanning and emailing to: [judy@zenvilla.com](mailto:judy@zenvilla.com) or you can mail it to:

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Please be sure to turn any receipts in by October 4<sup>th</sup> to allow for timely recording in the church's accounting records.

**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 Judi Nakanelua** for being our reader today.

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

**To Chris Kepler** for being our Tech host today.

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sep 14            2PM Deacon's Meeting, Rose's Residence  
                      5PM Trustee's Meeting, Aloha Room/Hybrid
- Sep 19            10:30AM Worship – Zoom

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*Heb. 11:4-12:2**Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1986; alt.*

1 For the faith - ful who have an - swered when they heard your call to serve,  
 2 Man - y minds have glimpsed the prom - ise; man - y hearts have yearned to see;  
 3 For this cloud of faith - ful wit - ness, for the com - mon life we share,

for the man - y ways you led them, test - ing will and stretch - ing nerve,  
 man - y souls have heard you call - ing us to great - er lib - er - ty.  
 for the work of peace and jus - tice, for the gos - pel that we bear,

For their work and for their wit - ness as they strove a - gainst the odds,  
 Some have fall - en in the strug - gle; oth - ers still are press - ing on.  
 For the vi - sion that our home - land is your love— deep, high, and broad—

for their cour - age and o - be - di - ence, we give thanks and praise, O God.  
 You are not a - shamed to own us; we give thanks and praise, O God.  
 for the dif - ferent roads we trav - el, we give thanks and praise, O God.