

Makawao Union Church



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Aubade

Brenda Portman

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song

Part of the Family

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family
You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

*Call to Worship

One: Happy are the people

**Many: who do not follow the advice of the wicked
or take the path that they follow,
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.**

One: Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

Many: and they meditate on God's law, day and night.

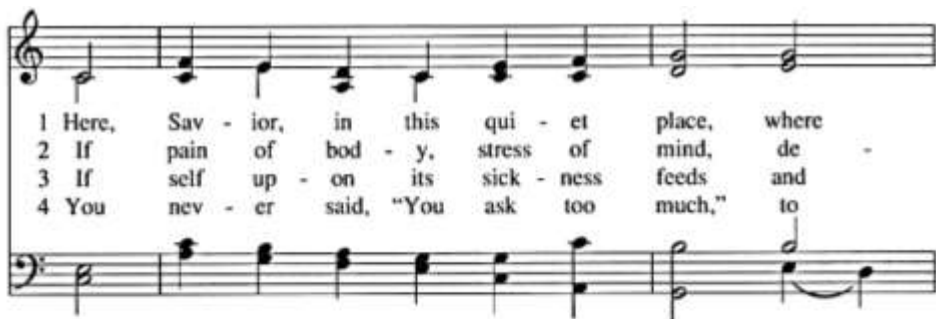
One: The Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

Many: but the way of the wicked will perish.

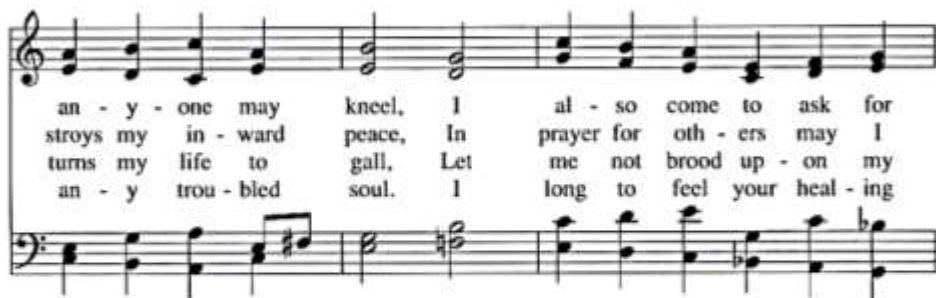
*Hymn

Here, Savior in this Quiet Place

(The New Century Hymnal #555)



1 Here, Sav - ior, in this qui - et place, where
2 If pain of bod - y, stress of mind, de -
3 If self up - on its sick - ness feeds and
4 You nev - er said, "You ask too much," to



an - y - one may kneel, I al - so come to ask for
stroys my in - ward peace, In prayer for oth - ers may I
turns my life to gall, Let me not brood up - on my
an - y trou - bled soul. I long to feel your heal - ing



grace, be - liev - ing you can heal.
find the se - cret of re - lease.
needs, but sim - ply tell you all.
touch— will you not make me whole?

5 But if the thing I most de-sire
is not your way for me,
May faith, when test-ed in the fire,
prove its in-teg-ri-ty.

6 Of all my prayers, may this be chief:
till faith is ful-ly grown,
Christ, dis-be-lieve my un-be-lief,
and claim me as your own.

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

The Meditations of My Heart

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart
be acceptable to you,
O Lord, my rock
O Lord, my strength
O Lord, my God and redeemer.

(Psalm 19:14)

Scripture

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22 (NRSV)

Jay Slaughter

7 ¹ So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ² On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³ Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴ For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵ Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶ Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

⁹ Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰ So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

²⁰ Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹ enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²² as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Psalm 124 (NRSV)

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¹ If it had not been the LORD who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
² if it had not been the LORD who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;
⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;
⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.
⁶ Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. ⁴² “If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³ If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵ And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷ And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸ where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. ⁴⁹ “For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰ Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Sermon

Rev. Heather Mueller

“Jesus calls us over the tumult”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**Our great Gardener,
 we are like trees
 planted by streams of water
 that yield their fruit in season
 and prosper in you.**

**We are grateful for all that you have provided,
and we dedicate our first fruits to you
and to the work of your church,
now and forever. Amen.**

*Hymn *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* #337 (Chalice 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 *A Joyful Noise* Lani Smith

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

- ◆ **Ka Hale A Ke Ola Shelter Dinner** the next shelter dinner will be on Sunday, October 10th. We are looking for volunteers to shop for the dinner ingredients and deliver them on Friday, October 8th to the shelter for their preparation on Sunday. Please let us know if you can support this important outreach mission in October by emailing Shanna in the office: makawaounion@gmail.com.

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Rev. Heather Mueller for being our supply Pastor.

To the Deacons for providing the Altar flowers.

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

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

To Lewis Gamble for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events:

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| Oct 2 | 9AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall |
| Oct 3 | 10:30AM Worship – Zoom
Communion Sunday! |
| Oct 9 | 8:30AM Men’s Breakfast, Kula Bistro |
| Oct 10 | Ka Hale A Ke Ola Shelter Dinner, Wailuku |

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Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

1. Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. Long a - go a - pos - tles heard it by the
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 5. Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

1. life's wild rest - less sea, day by day his sweet voice
 2. Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home, and toil, and
 3. vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 4. toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 5. may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

1. sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me";
 2. kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3. keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4. plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 5. be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.