

# Makawao Union Church



**Reign of Christ**  
**THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**

**November 21, 2021**



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

*The Time of Preparation*

Prelude

*Reflection on "Love Unknown"*

David Lasky

Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Song

*We Gather Together*

1. We gather together  
to ask the Lord's blessing;  
he chastens and hastens  
his will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing  
now cease from distressing.  
Sing praises to his name;  
he forgets not his own.

\*Call to Worship

Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**We have been blessed by God's great love.**

Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**Let us come to this time, thanking and praising God.**

Come, now is the time to worship.

**We come rejoicing for God is so good to us.**

Let us worship God.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun  
 2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
 borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;  
 dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,  
 the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,  
 trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
 Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise  
 And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
 The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
 An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus' name.  
 and all who suf - fer want are blessed.  
 and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Gathering Prayer

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

**O God of the morning and of the evening hours, let your Spirit come on us here gathered. This is the holy place where we, your people, call on you in faith, with our hearts and our voices raised in humble thanksgiving for our many blessings and in eternal praise to your name. Amen**

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 deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*We Hear the Good News*

Anthem

*All Good Gifts (from Godspell)*

Stephen Schwartz, arr. John Leavitt

We plow the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.  
He sends us snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.

All good gifts around us  
are sent from Heaven above  
So thank the Lord, oh thank the Lord for all his love.

We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good,  
the seedtime and the harvest, our life our health our food.  
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts  
but that which thou desirest, our humble thankful hearts!

All good gifts around us ...

Molly Schad, soloist

(Text by Matthias Claudius, 1782)

Scripture Readings

**Psalm 93 (NRSV)**

Pat Shannon

- <sup>1</sup> The LORD is king, he is robed in majesty;  
the LORD is robed, he is girded with strength.  
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
- <sup>2</sup> your throne is established from of old;  
you are from everlasting.
- <sup>3</sup> The floods have lifted up, O LORD,  
the floods have lifted up their voice;  
the floods lift up their roaring.
- <sup>4</sup> More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters,  
more majestic than the waves of the sea,  
majestic on high is the LORD!
- <sup>5</sup> Your decrees are very sure;  
holiness befits your house,  
O LORD, forevermore.

**Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSV)**

Allan Shannon

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Sermon

“Jesus Reigns”

Rev. Heather Muller

*We Respond with Thanksgiving*

Prayers of the People

Stewardship Moment

Jay Slaughter

Giving Our Tithes and Offering

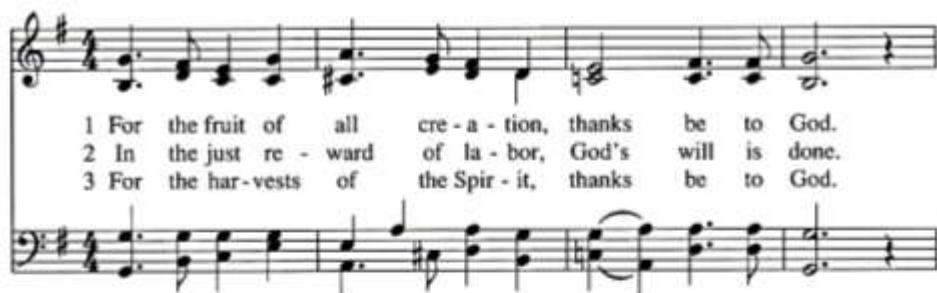
*Families and individuals are invited to come forward  
With their offering and their pledge cards.*

\*Doxology 780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all  
creatures here below; Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

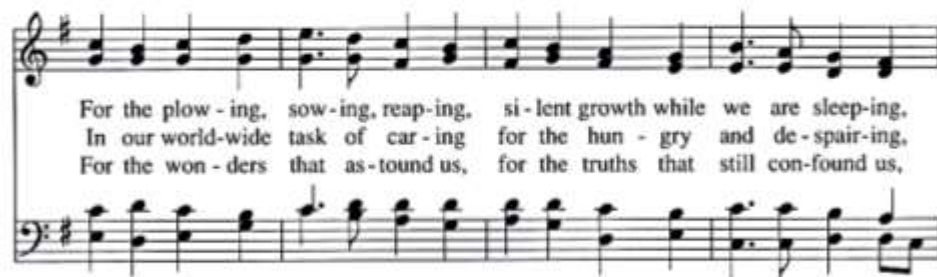
**From tables laden with food; from families gathered; from lives  
which have been so richly blessed, we offer our gifts and our  
commitments. Help us to trust in your presence and free us from  
our fears. Lead us and our gifts to work for healing and hope in  
this world so that true thanksgiving may be found everywhere.  
Amen.**



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
Most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

\*Benediction

\*The Queen's Prayer

Queen Lili'uokalani

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*O kou aloha no, A ia i ka lani  
A o kou oia i'o, He hemolele ho'i. A-mene.*

*English translation:*

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

\*Postlude

*I Will Exalt in the Lord*

Lani Smith

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- ◆ **Pledge Cards** You'll find extra pledge letters in the entry way today. In case you did not bring your mailed card, please fill out a pledge card and place it in the offering today.
- ◆ **Shelter Dinner** Our next dinner at Ka Hale A Ke Ola Homeless Resource Center in Wailuku is December 12th. Email the office if you would like to help by shopping for the ingredients and delivering them to the shelter the Friday before their dinner.  
[makawaounion@gmail.com](mailto:makawaounion@gmail.com)



- ◆ **Advent Readers** are needed for a short reading and lighting of the candles. Please see the sign-up sheets in the entry way.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** is now **open two days a week!** The new hours are 9am – 2pm on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Newly arrived furniture and clothing abound. See you soon!

**Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:**

To the **Rev. Heather Muller** who has filled our pulpit today.

To **Maggie & John Rogers** for being our greeters.

To **Bill Kepler** who for serving as the Worship Leader.

To **Maggie Rogers** for providing the flowers today.

To **Barbara LaMarca** for providing the beautiful cornucopia.

To **Pat & Allan Shannon** for being our Scripture Readers.

To **Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler, John Rowehl, Molly Schad, Jay Slaughter, Leah Tinkelman and Dave Williams** for our music today.

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

**Upcoming Events:**

Nov 24	9AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Nov 25	** Thanksgiving Day ** Office Closed
Nov 26	6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Nov 27	9AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Nov 28	9AM Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM Worship – The First Sunday of Advent

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