

Makawao Union Church



THIRD SUNDAY

OF

Advent

December 12, 2021

The Third Sunday of Advent

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude *Wintertime Pastorale* Roberta Rowland-Raybold

Welcome and Announcements

Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent

(Choir: “*Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be, he is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he.*”)

Of the Father’s Love

Congregational part:

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,
ev - er - more and ev - er - more, Em - man - u - el.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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During Advent, we wait for the one promised in scripture.

And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can turn discord into perfect harmony.

And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace hate with love, and anger with understanding.

And he will be called the Prince of Peace.

We wait for the one who can replace division with unity, and war with peace.

And he will be called the Prince of Peace.



“Today we light three candles. The first candle reminds us of the Hope found in knowing Jesus as our Wonderful Counselor. The second candle reminds us of our Joy in knowing a God who is powerful and almighty. We light the third candle to remind us that Jesus came to earth as the Prince of Peace. In a world filled with conflict and discord, we pray for harmony and unity as we work towards claiming the promise of peace on earth.”

(Choir: “*Let the heights of heaven adore him; angel hosts his praises sing: powers, dominions, bow before him, and extol our God and King.*”)

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(Choir ends: “*Evermore and evermore, Emmanuel.*”)

Gracious Lord, we thank you for your promises and for coming to earth to be our Prince of Peace. As we continue our Advent journey, grant us the peace that comes from trusting in your grace, and relying on your promises. Help us spread this peace through all things we say and all the things we do. We pray this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn *Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

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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 Winter Rose

Joseph M. Martin

In the silence of the winter while stars shown high above,
God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show His love.
It opened in the dark of night while the world was fast asleep.
So perfect was its beauty, it made the heavens weep.

The angels paused to wonder upon that winsome sight.
And kings and shepherds gathered to worship in its light.
They all breathed in its beauty, a precious sweet perfume.
And in the bleak midwinter the Rose began to bloom.

O let us now remember when God put on the thorn.
And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.
And Love restored the garden and the Winter Rose was born.

Scripture Readings

Luke 3:7-18
Philippians 4:4-7

Bill Kepler

Sermon

"Rejoice in the Lord, always!"

Martha-Lee Bohn

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offering

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

We rejoice, O God of Peace, in the privilege of giving without fear. You are the Holy One whose presence relieves our anxieties, feeds our hungers, and stirs our complacency. Through our offerings, we express our gratitude. In giving, we respond to your call to bear fruit and to make your name known. Thank you for accepting all we offer. Amen.

Installation of Makawao Union Church Officers and Board Members

Will our 2022 Elected Officers and Board Members please stand in place? These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve. Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility in the service of the church.

Having prayerfully considered these duties and responsibilities, are you prepared to serve with the help of God?

Individuals: I AM.

Now, will the members of Makawao Union Church please stand in place? Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters who have answered God’s call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them, by saying:

***We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

*Hymn *Now Bless the God of Israel* #110 NCH

(See Page 11)

*Benediction

*The Queen’s Prayer (vs. 1) #580

‘O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani

A ‘o kou ‘oiā i‘o, He hemolele ho‘i. ‘Āmene.

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

Postlude *The King Shall Come* Michael Burkhardt

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In honor of the newly installed Church Officers and Board Members, the Deacons are hosting an Aloha Hour after church services. Please stay afterwards for refreshments and fellowship.

The Deacons are requesting for a few red poinsettias to grace our Altar during Advent & Christmas. Individuals are welcomed to share your poinsettia for services on Dec 19, 24, as you are able. Then please take them home. Thank you to those who have already shared.

Barbara LaMarca is hosting the next Sisterhood at her house on Friday, December 17th at 5:30PM for all (vaccinated) MUC ladies. Please see flyer in the entryway for more details and to RSVP.

Our **Christmas Eve** service is always a Lessons and Carols service. This year we will be celebrating **one service at 8:00 PM**. Of course, a major part of this is the wonderful Christmas Story shared through scripture readings. The rich diversity of different voices that we always provide as readers is a particularly special part of these services. Thank you to those who have already volunteered to be our readers. There is a sign-up sheet for you to volunteer to light the Advent Wreath candle. Your participation is important and much appreciated.

The December 26th Worship Service will be organized around a Carol Sing. This is a great time for you to sing and share your favorite hymns or those Christmas Carols that you did not get enough of and just can't leave for another year. Please write in your favorite(s) on a card provided and place your request in the calabash bowl at the rear of the sanctuary.

Secondhand Heaven will be closed from December 22nd through January 1st, 2022. They will reopen on January 5th 2022 and continue their same hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM.

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

To make a donation please visit our website at

www.makawaounionchurch.org and look for the **Donate** button at

the bottom of the screen or you can send your donations via US
Postal service to our mailing address:

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To **Martha-Lee Bohn** who has filled our pulpit today.
To **Judi Nakanelua** and **Loretta Hughes** for being our greeters.
To **Jay Slaughter** for serving as the Worship Leader.
To **Joy Webster** for lighting the stained-glass windows "in honor of Mom and Dad."
To the **Deacons** and **Friends** for the flowers on the pulpit this morning.
To the **Bohn Family: Nancy Bohn, Melanie & Keith Bailey** and **Martha-Lee Bohn** for lighting the third Advent Candle.
To **Bill Kepler** for being our Scripture Reader.
To **Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Leah Tinkelman** and **Dave Williams** for our music today.
To **Chris Kepler** and **Peter Kim** for being our Tech hosts today.

Upcoming Events

Dec 15	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Dec 17	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Dec 18	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Dec 19	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship – Christmas Sunday
Dec 24	6:30PM	Choir Rehearsal
	8:00PM	Worship - Christmas Eve Service, Sanctuary
Dec 25	** Merry Christmas **	
Dec 26	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship – First Sunday after Christmas
Dec 31	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
	** New Year's Eve **	

Luke 3:7-18

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Philippians 4:4-7

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice,
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal -

4

des - ert still, call - ing us to make a choice,
 truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than those;
 va - tion near, and his time-less warn - ings hold

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bid - ding us to do God's will: "Turn from sin and
 set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the Lord will
 words of hope to all who hear. So we dare to

10



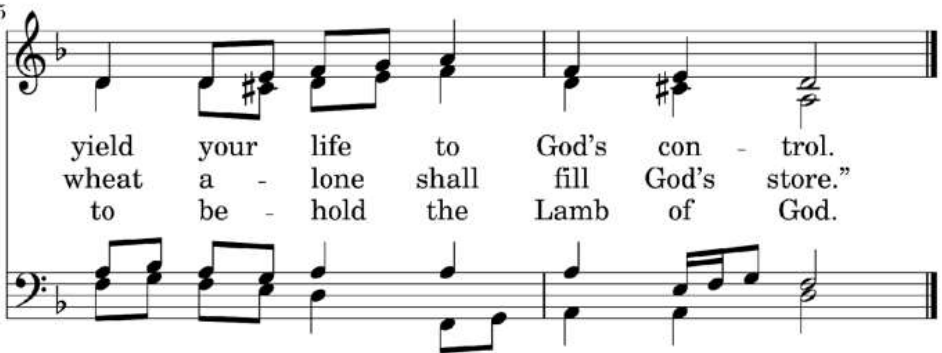
be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and
 come in power, burn - ing clean the
 jour - ney on, led by faith through

12



mind and soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized,
 thresh - ing floor: then will flames the chaff de - vour;
 ways un - trod, till we come at last like John

15



yield your life to God's con - trol.
 wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 to be - hold the Lamb of God.

*Luke 1:68-79; Ps. 18:1-3; Isa. 9:2-7**Ruth Duck, 1985*

1 Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in love and power,
 2 Re - mem-ber-ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from fear,
 3 In ten - der mer-cy, God will send the day - spring from on high,

who rais - es from the roy - al house de - liv - erance in this hour.
 that we might serve in hol - i - ness and peace from year to year;
 our ris - ing sun, the light of life for those who sit and sigh.

Through ho - ly proph-ets God has sworn to free us from a - larm,
 And you, my child, shall go be - fore to preach, to proph - e - sy,
 God comes to guide our way to peace, that death shall reign no more.

to save us from the heav-y hand of all who wish us harm.
 that all may know the ten - der love, the grace of God most high.
 Sing prais-es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!