

Lift
Your
Voices



Makawao Union Church

December 26, 2021

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Christmas Meditation

Lester H. Groom

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

(NCH #125)

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain:

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
gloria in excelsis Deo.

2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heav'nly song? [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
him whose birth the angels sing;
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King. [Refrain]

*Call to Worship

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

P: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

P: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

L: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

P: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness. AMEN.

*Hymn

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

(NCH128)

1 In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.

2 Our God transcends all heaven, earth, and its domain;
heaven and earth shall flee away when Christ comes to reign;
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
the sovereign God almighty, Jesus Christ.

4 What can I offer, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise one, I would do my part;
but what I can I offer: all my heart.

Opening Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

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. 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

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer, arr. David Janower

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;
Then the true work of Christmas begins.

to find the lost,
to heal the broken hearts,
to feed the hungry,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all brothers,
to make music in the heart.

(from a poem by Howard Thurman)

Scripture Readings

Colossians 3:12-17

Luke 2:41-52

*Hymn

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

(NCH144)

1 Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,

offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise us from the earth,
born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Sermon

“Upon a Midnight Clear”

Martha-Lee Bohn

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(NCH129)

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
asleep within the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you know of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
God has opened heaven's door,
and you are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:

Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication

Just as you, Holy God, crossed every conceivable barrier by taking on flesh and teaching on behalf of the outcast and poor, we are called to respond in kind by your grace. May the gifts offered today aid truly your work of reconciliation and peace in our world. Amen.

*Hymn

Go Tell It On the Mountain

(NCH154)

Refrain:

Go tell it on the mountain,
over the hill and everywhere.
Go tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

1 While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. [Refrain]

2 The shepherds feared and trembled
when lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]

3 Down in a lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]

Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer

Queen Lili'uokalani

*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

Gigue on "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Jeff Perks

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If you haven't already done so, please take home your beautiful poinsettia plant! Thank you to all who helped decorate our Sanctuary with the colors of Christmas!

There are sign-up sheets on a table in the Entryway. There are many opportunities to serve such as bringing flowers from home, reading

scripture, or lighting the windows for the week. Please, we need everyone's help to ensure that our worship service can continue to support our Sunday family gathering time.

Secondhand Heaven will be closed through January 7th, 2022. They will reopen on January 8th 2022 and continue their same hours on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. Please hold your donations until they reopen – Mahalo for your kokua!

The next Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, Jan 8 at 8:30 am at the Pukalani Golf Course. All men are invited to attend.

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our supply Pastor.

To **Alexie Lee** and **Barbara LaMarca** for being our greeters today.

To the **Deacons** and **Friends** for providing the Altar flowers.

To **Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Leah Tinkelman** and **Dave Williams** for our live music tonight.

To **Peter Kim** for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events

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| Dec 31 | 6:30PM | Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary |
| | ** | New Year's Eve ** |
| Jan 01 | ** | Happy New Year – 2022!! ** |
| Jan 02 | 9:00AM | Choir Rehearsal |
| | 10:30AM | Worship – Communion |
| | | We will undecorate the Sanctuary after service |
| Jan 07 | | Facilities Use Committee Meeting (TBD) |
| | 6:30PM | Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary |
| Jan 08 | 8:30AM | Men's Breakfast, Pukalani Golf Course |

Colossians 3:12-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹² As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³ Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

¹⁴ Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵ And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52 (New Revised Standard Version)

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

⁴⁸ When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them.

⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

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