

Makawao Union Church



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter and John Rowehl for our live music.
To David Fisher for being our host today.
To Joy Webster for being our reader this morning.
To Martha-Lee Bohn for our Call to Offering today.
To our Worship Tech and Design Teams: Jen Pinter, David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Bill Kepler and Pastor Robin Lunn.

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

We Welcome and Prepare

Aloha and Announcements

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Leader: I invite you to greet one another in a sign of God's peace.

Prelude *Prelude on "Spiritus vitae"* Jared M. Salyards
(O Breath of Life, Come Sweeping Through Us)

Prayers to Gather Us In

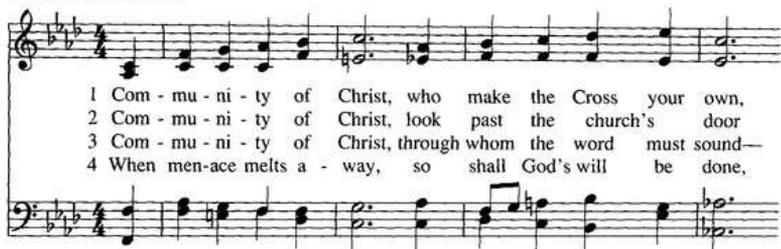
Pastor Robin will lead us in a gathering prayer this morning.

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.

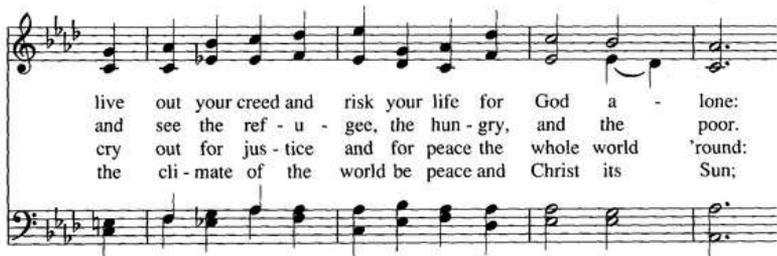
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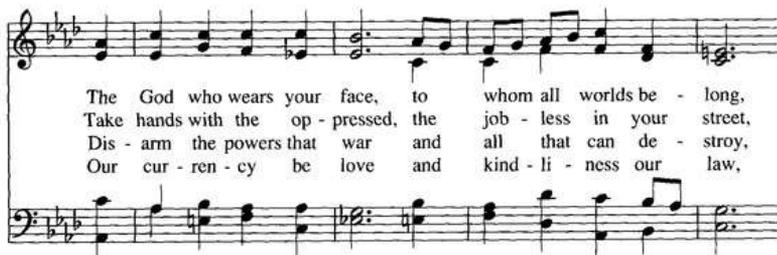
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Shirley Erena Murray, 1985


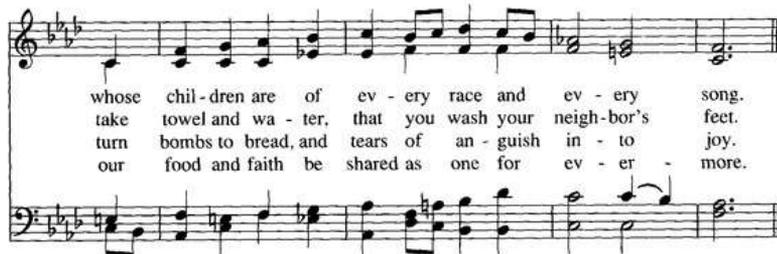
1 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, who make the Cross your own,
 2 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, look past the church's door
 3 Com - mu - ni - ty of Christ, through whom the word must sound—
 4 When men-ace melts a - way, so shall God's will be done,



live out your creed and risk your life for God a - lone:
 and see the ref - u - gee, the hun - gry, and the poor.
 cry out for jus - tice and for peace the whole world 'round:
 the cli - mate of the world be peace and Christ its Sun;



The God who wears your face, to whom all worlds be - long,
 Take hands with the op - pressed, the job - less in your street,
 Dis - arm the powers that war and all that can de - stroy,
 Our cur - ren - cy be love and kind - li - ness our law,



whose chil - dren are of ev - ery race and ev - ery song.
 take towel and wa - ter, that you wash your neigh - bor's feet.
 turn bombs to bread, and tears of an - guish in - to joy.
 our food and faith be shared as one for ev - er - more.

Shirley Erena Murray has grown up within the Ecumenical Movement and addresses related themes such as Christian unity and social justice in her hymnody. This text was first sung at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand.

Tune: LEONI 6.6.8.4.D.
 Traditional Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Meyer Lyon, 1770

We Listen

Sacred Texts

Joy Webster

Matthew 5:1-10 (Contemporary English Version)

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the side of a mountain and sat down. Jesus' disciples gathered around him, ² and he taught them:

³ God blesses those people who depend only on him.

They belong to the kingdom of heaven!

⁴ God blesses those people who grieve.

They will find comfort!

⁵ God blesses those people who are humble.

The earth will belong to them!

⁶ God blesses those people who want to obey him more than to eat or drink.

They will be given what they want!

⁷ God blesses those people who are merciful.

They will be treated with mercy!

⁸ God blesses those people whose hearts are pure.

They will see him!

⁹ God blesses those people who make peace.

They will be called his children!

¹⁰ God blesses those people who are treated badly for doing right.

They belong to the kingdom of heaven.

Psalm 33:1-5 (New Revised Standard Version)

¹ Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous.

Praise befits the upright.

² Praise the LORD with the lyre;

make melody to him with the harp of ten strings.

³ Sing to him a new song;

play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

⁴ For the word of the LORD is upright,

and all his work is done in faithfulness.

⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;

the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD.

Message

Pastor Robin

Anthem

Blest Are They

David Haas

Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter and John Rowehl

Blest are they, the poor in spirit
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
They shall be consoled.

REFRAIN

Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones,
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst,
They shall have their fill.
REFRAIN

Blest are they who show mercy
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart,
They shall see God!
Blest are they who seek peace,
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
The glory of God is theirs.
REFRAIN

Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom;
Shine for all to see.
REFRAIN

(text based on Matthew 5:3-12)

After programming this anthem, we learned that many women have recently come forward with allegations of sexual misconduct by the composer, David Haas (New York Times, Aug. 10, 2020). We also understand that Haas has since published an apology on his own website. The Catholic Church has decided to boycott Haas's music, which is certainly an understandable response. We're responding to the news in a different way. We'll sing "Blest Are They," because it's beautiful and its text really is perfect for today's sermon. But we're also sharing the news about Haas, as



a way to highlight the fact that sexual abuse is a pervasive phenomenon found in all walks of life, and that it stems, at least in part, from societal forces that it is incumbent upon all of us to change. We are also making donations, equal in amount to what we paid for the scores, to the Maui Sexual Assault Center and the Friends of the Children's Justice Center, and we will inform David Haas of these actions.

- John Rowehl and members of the MUC Choir

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer ~ Burdens and Gratitude

Sorrow and Joy

Stephen Heller

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Our Offering

Martha-Lee Bohn

Hymn

Restless Weaver

(Chalice Hymnal #658)

Restless Weaver, ever spinning threads of justice and shalom;
Dreaming patterns of creation where all creatures find a home;
Gathering up life's varied fibers –every texture, every hue:
Grant us your creative vision, with us weave your world anew.

Where earth's fragile web is raveling, help us mend each broken strand.
Bless our urgent, bold endeavors cleansing water, air, and land.
Through the Spirit's inspiration –offering health where once was pain –
Strengthen us to be the stewards of your world knit whole again.

When our violent lust for power ends in lives abused and torn,
From compassion's sturdy fabric fashion hope and trust reborn.
Where injustice rules as tyrant, give us courage, God, to dare
Live our dreams of transformation. Make our lives incarnate prayer.

Restless Weaver, still conceiving new life –now and yet to be –
Binding all your vast creation in one living tapestry:
You have called us to be weavers. Let your love guide all we do.
With your Reign of Peace our pattern, we will weave your world anew.

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

Festiva

Keith Christopher

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures. We need online Call to Offering leaders and Scripture Readers for September.**

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- **Worship Notes** Next Sunday September 6th, Pastor Robin will be preaching via Zoom from the Parsonage while she remains in quarantine. Look for the Friday email with your Zoom link.

- **Secondhand Heaven** Remains closed temporarily until Maui's Covid-19 numbers are lower. Their target date for reopening is on September 19th, depending on the stats. They ask the public to suspend their donations until they are open again. Please look for their updates on Facebook, email and future 'Elele's.



Upcoming Events:

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| Sep. 02 | Narcotics Anonymous, see https://na-hawaii.org |
| Sep. 04 | Alcoholics Anonymous, see https://aamaui.org |
| Sep. 05 | 3PM Worship Tech Team run through - Zoom |
| Sep. 06 | 10:20AM Log/Dial in - Zoom only Worship |
| | 10:30AM Worship - (Aloha Hour Online) |