

Makawao Union Church



Communion Sunday

September 6, 2020

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Tracey Bloser, Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter and John Rowehl for our live music from the Sanctuary.

To Chris Kepler for being our host today.

To Bill Kepler for being our reader today.

To Jay Slaughter 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 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Stephen Burtonwood

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.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, c. 1529

Transl. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853; adapt. Ruth Duck, 1981

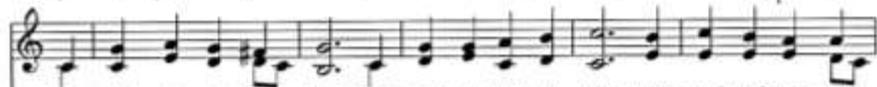
Ps. 46



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er fail - ing,
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be los - ing,
 3 And though this world with dev - ils filled should threat - en to un - do us,
 4 That word be - yond all earth - ly powers for - ev - er is a - bid - ing;



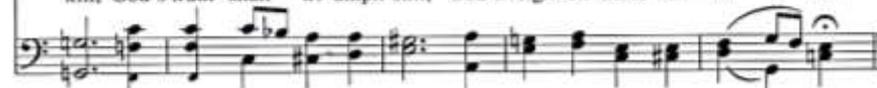
Our pres - ent help a - mid the flood of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing,
 But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choos - ing,
 We will not fear for God has willed the truth to tri - umph through us,
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours, for Christ is with us sid - ing.



For still our an - cient foe does seek to work us woe with craft and pow - er
 You ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus sets us free! With might - y power to
 The powers of e - vil grim, we trem - ble not for them; their rage we can en -
 Let goods and kin - dred go, this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may



great, and armed with cru - el hate, on earth with - out an e - qual.
 save, vic - to - rious o'er the grave, Christ will pre - vail tri - um - phant.
 dure, for lo, their doom is sure: one lit - tle word shall fell them.
 kill; God's truth shall tri - umph still; God's reign en - dures for - ev - er.



There is speculation that this psalm paraphrase was written in 1527 when Martin Luther's friend was burned at the stake, or in 1529, when Lutheran German princes protested the revocation of their liberties. It has been translated into more than fifty languages.

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7.

Martin Luther, c. 1529

Harm. The New Hymnal for American Youth, 1930; alt.

For another version, see 440

We Listen

Sacred Texts

Bill Kepler

Romans 13:8-14 (New International Version)

⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,” “You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

Psalms 119:33-40 (New International Version)

³³ Teach me, LORD, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.

³⁵ Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

³⁶ Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.

³⁷ Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

³⁸ Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.

³⁹ Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

⁴⁰ How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.

Message

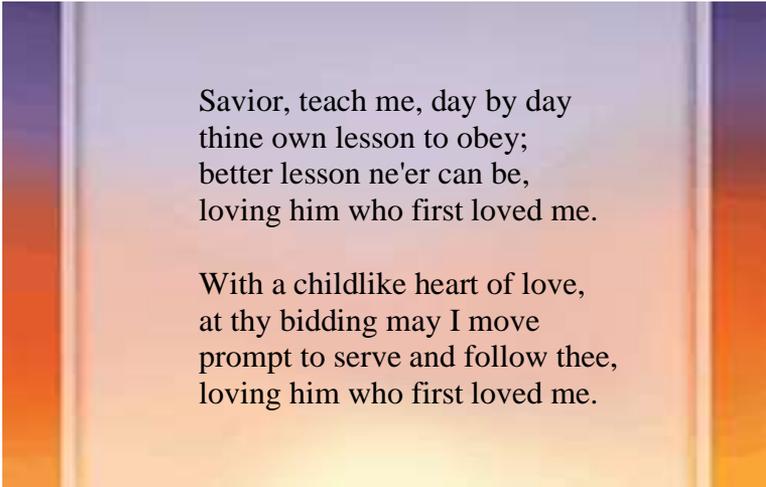
Pastor Robin

Anthem

Savior, Teach Me, Day By Day

Raymond Weidner

Tracey Bloser, Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter and John Rowehl



We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer ~ Burdens and Gratitude

Lento Espressivo

Robert Schumann

Kleiner Morgenwanderer,

Schumann

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Communion

Communion reflection while you take your elements:

The Gifts of God

William Boyce

Call to Our Offering

Jay Slaughter

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?**539***Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.**Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29*

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser- vant, let me be as Christ to you?
 2 We are pil- grims on a jour-ney, we are trav- elers on the road;
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the shad- ow of your fear;
 4 I will weep when you are weep- ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
 5 When we sing to God in heav- en we shall find such har- mo- ny.

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser- vant, too.
 We are here to help each oth- er go the mile and bear the load.
 I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 I will share your joy and sor- row till we've seen this jour-ney through.
 Born of all we've known to- geth- er of Christ's love and ag- o- ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
 Richard Gillard, 1977
 Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

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'ō, He hemolele ho'i. 'Āmene.****English translation:**Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.*

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

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- ◆ **Worship Notes** Join us each Sunday in September via Zoom as we worship in real time, safely from home. Look for the Friday email and Sunday reminder with your Zoom link.
- ◆ **Give Aloha** You can get a boost to your MUC donation by making it at Foodland or Sack N Save during the September GIVEALOHA campaign. See your 'ELELE Newsletter for more details.
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast** Will be meeting on Saturday, September 12th 8:30AM at Kula Bistro – contact Richard Rose for further details: 360-213-6417.

- ◆ **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:

- Sep. 07 ** Labor Day ** Remote Office Closed
- Sep. 09 Narcotics Anonymous, see <https://na-hawaii.org>
- Sep. 11 Alcoholics Anonymous, see <https://aamaui.org>
- Sep. 12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast – Kula Bistro
3PM Worship Tech Team run through - Zoom
- Sep. 13 10:20AM Log/Dial in - **Zoom only** Worship
10:30AM Worship - (Aloha Hour Online)



Photo courtesy of William and LuEllen Kepler