

Makawao Union Church



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Robin Lunn, Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter and John Rowehl for our live music today.

To Chris Kepler for being our host today.

To Emily Hickman for being our reader today.

To Dave Williams for our Call to Offering today.

To our Worship Tech and Design Teams: 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

Meditation on "Finlandia"

Brenda Portman

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.

1. Diverse in culture, nation, race,
We come together by your grace.
God, let us be a meeting ground
Where hope and healing love are found.

2. God, let us be a bridge of care
Connecting people ev'rywhere.
Help us confront all fear and hate
And lust for pow'r that separate.

3. When chasms widen, storms arise,
O Holy Spirit, make us wise.
Let our resolve, like steel, be strong
To stand with those who suffer wrong.

4. God, let us be a table spread
With gifts of love and broken bread,
Where all find welcome, grace attends,
And enemies arise as friends.

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We Listen

Sacred Texts

Emily Hickman

Romans 14:1-12 (New International Version)

14 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. ²One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. ³The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them. ⁴Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. ⁵One person considers

one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. ⁶ Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. ⁸ If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. ⁹ For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living. ¹⁰ You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. ¹¹ It is written: "As surely as I live," says the Lord, "every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God." ¹² So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.

Message

Pastor Robin

Anthem

This Is My Song

Jean Sibelius
(FINLANDIA)

This is my song, O God of all the nations, a song of peace for lands afar and mine; this is my home, the country where my heart is; here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine: but other hearts in other lands are beating with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine. My country's skies are bluer than the ocean, and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine; but other lands have sunlight too, and clover, and skies are everywhere as blue as mine: O hear my song, thou God of all the nations, a song of peace for their land and for mine. (Text by Lloyd Stone)

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 Our Offering

Rev. Dave Williams

Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

(Chalice Hymnal #487)

Help Us Accept Each Other

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Unison



1. Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
 2. Teach us, O Lord, your les-sons, as in our dai-ly life
 3. Let your ac-cep-tance change us, so that we may be moved
 4. Lord, for to-day's en-coun-ters with all who are in need,

teach us as sis-ter, broth-er, each per-son to em-brace.
 we strug-gle to be hu-man and search for hope and faith.
 in liv-ing sit-u-a-tions to do the truth in love;
 who hun-ger for ac-cep-tance, for righ-teous-ness and bread,

Be pres-ent, Lord, a-mong us and bring us to be-lieve
 Teach us to care for peo-ple, for all, not just for some,
 to prac-tice your ac-cep-tance, un-til we know by heart
 we need new eyes for see-ing, new hands for hold-ing on;

we are our-selves ac-cept-ed and meant to love and live.
 to love them as we find them or as they may be-come.
 the ta-ble of for-give-ness and laugh-ter's heal-ing art.
 re-new us with your Spir-it; Lord, free us, make us one!

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We Go Forth

Benediction

The Queen's Prayer Queen Lili'uokalani # 580
*'O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lanī
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

Celebration March on "To God Be the Glory" Grimoaldo Macchia

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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.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** Is happy to announce they are reopening this Saturday, September 19th. They look forward to seeing you again and ask all to enter through the side door and please wear your masks. Shop hours are from 9AM to 2PM each Saturday.
- ◆ **Good Words** Your Pastor Parish Relations Committee has created a new section to add to our ‘Elele to help spread the word about positive events and works going on at Makawao Union Church. Look for it in next week’s ‘Elele.

Upcoming Events:

- Sep. 15 5PM Trustees Meeting - Online
- Sep. 16 Narcotics Anonymous, see <https://na-hawaii.org>
- Sep. 18 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
- Sep. 19 9AM – 2PM Secondhand Heaven
3PM Worship Tech Team run through - Zoom
- Sep. 20 10:20AM Log/Dial in - **Zoom only** Worship
10:30AM Worship - (Aloha Hour Online)

