

Makawao Union Church



Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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 David Fisher for being our host today.

To Jay Slaughter for being our reader today.

To Judy Anderson 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

Psalm of Stillness

Tracey Craig McKibben

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.

Standing at the future's threshold, grateful for God's guiding hand,
 Asking no protected stronghold, called to be a pilgrim band,
 Seeking ever for new vision of the gospel for our day,
 We move forward in God's mission with our faith to show the way.

Midst the teeming cities' millions, witness to God's boundless love,
 Reaching for each system's lost ones, seeking justice with each move;
 Grant us courage, strength, and patience to contend with vicious power,
 Lead us forward in the faith that gives us hope in testing's hour.

Building justice as the bulwark of the peace that God would give,
 Making sacrifice the hallmark of the life we're called to live:
 Grant us, God, to bear our witness to this peace in Christ,
 and move forward with our faith's own access to the life of hope and love.

Text: Paul R. Gregory, 1985; rev. 1994

Tune: LUX EOI

We Listen

Sacred Texts

Jay Slaughter

Matthew 20:1-16 (New Revised Standard Version)

20 "For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ² After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³ When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴ and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵ When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶ And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' ⁷ They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹ When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily

wage. ¹⁰ Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹ And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹² saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ ¹³ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?’ ¹⁴ Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵ Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ ¹⁶ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Message

Pastor Robin

Anthem

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Richard Shepard

Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue; Thee,
only thee resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.
The task Thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill; In all my
works Thy presence find, and prove Thy good and perfect will.
Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes mine in most substance see,
and labor on at Thy command, and offer all my works to Thee.
Give me to bear Thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray, and still
to things eternal look, and hasten to Thy glorious day.
For Thee delightfully employ What-e'er Thy bounteous grace hath given;
And run my course with even joy, and closely walk with Thee to
Heaven. (Text by Charles Wesley)

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer ~ Burdens and Gratitude

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Our Offering

Judy Anderson

Hymn

Come, Labor On

(The New Century Hymnal #532)

Come, Labor On

532

Jane Laurie Borthwick, 1859, rev. 1863; alt.

Matt. 9:37-38; 20:1-7

1 Come, la-bor on. Who dares stay i - dle on the har-vest plain
 2 Come, la-bor on. Claim the high call-ing an - gels can-not share;
 3 Come, la-bor on. A - way with gloom-y doubts and faith-less fear!
 4 Come, la-bor on. No time for rest, till glows the west-ern sky,

while all a - round us waves the gold-en grain? And to each ser - vant
 to young and old the gos - pel glad-ness bear. Re - deem the time; its
 No one so weak but may do ser - vice here; Though fee - ble a - gents,
 till the long shad-ows o'er the path-way lie, And a glad sound comes

does the Sav - ior say, "Go work to - day."
 hours too swift-ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 may we all ful - fill God's righ - - - teous will.
 with the set-ting sun, "Well done, well done!"

Jane Laurie Borthwick, along with her sister, Sarah, was a member of the Scottish Free Church and translated many German hymns. English-born Thomas Tertius Noble was organist-choirmaster at St. Thomas' Church, New York City, from 1870 to 1900.

Tune: ORA LABORA 4.10.10.4.
 Thomas Tertius Noble, 1918

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 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* James Pethel

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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 Ten Days Left!** 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 open each Saturday! They have lots of new housewares, linens, books and crafts. Please enter through the side door and 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:

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| Sep. 23 | Narcotics Anonymous, see https://na-hawaii.org |
| Sep. 24 | 4PM Council Meeting |
| Sep. 25 | 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary |
| Sep. 26 | 9AM – 2PM Secondhand Heaven
3PM Worship Tech Team run through - Zoom |
| Sep. 27 | 10:20AM Log/Dial in - Zoom only Worship
10:30AM Worship - (Aloha Hour Online) |