

Makawao Union Church



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Aloha Pastor Robin Lunn

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Kahu Jimmy Aarona for representing the **Tri-Isle Association** in our **Liturgy of Farewell**.

To Diana Dahl, Robin Lunn, Molly Schad, Judy Anderson, Tracey Bloser, Bill Kepler, Tom Lowe, Jay Slaughter, and John Rowehl for our live music in the Sanctuary today.

To Alexie Lee and Peter Kim for being our Ushers today.

To Chris Kepler and Bill Kepler for being our hosts today.

To Joy Webster and Linda Compian for being our readers today.

To Bill Kepler 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

Locus Iste

Anton Bruckner
Translation

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament;
it is without reproach.

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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God Is Here! As We Your People Meet

Fred Pratt Green, 1978; alt.

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
 2 Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long need of grace;
 3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;
 4 Sov-ereign God, of earth and heav-en, in an age of change and doubt

May we find in full - er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.
 Here are ta - ble, font, and pul-pit, here the cross has cen - tral place.
 Here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 Keep us faith - ful to the gos-pel, help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Though he retired in 1969, this distinguished British poet has continued to write hymns. In addition to administering several circuits and local congregations, Fred Pratt Green published plays, translations, and poems. Emory University in Atlanta awarded him an honorary doctorate.

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7.D.
 Cyril V. Taylor, 1941

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We Listen

Sacred Texts

John 15:1-17 (New Revised Standard Version)

Joy Webster

¹⁵ “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. ⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹² “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Psalm 107:1-9 (New Revised Standard Version)

Linda Compian

- ¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- ² Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
those he redeemed from trouble
- ³ and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- ⁴ Some wandered in desert wastes,
finding no way to an inhabited town;
- ⁵ hungry and thirsty,
their soul fainted within them.

⁶ Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress;
⁷ he led them by a straight way,
until they reached an inhabited town.
⁸ Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wonderful works to humankind.
⁹ For he satisfies the thirsty,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

Message

Pastor Robin

Anthem

Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
Translation

As a hart [deer] longs for the flowing streams,
so longs my soul for thee, O God.
(Text: Psalm 42:1)

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer ~ Burdens and Gratitude

More About Jesus

Todd Smith

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Our Offering

Bill Kepler



Liturgy of Farewell

Jay Slaughter - Moderator

Our church family is constantly changing.

People come and go.

Babies are born.

Children grow up.

People commit themselves to one another.

Loved ones and friends among us come to the end of their lives.

Individuals move into our community and church life.

Others leave us, moving away to new places, new experiences, and

New opportunities.

It is important and right that we recognize these times of passage, of endings and beginnings.

Today we share a time of farewell with Pastor Robin whom is leaving.

Recognition of the End

Jimmy Aarona - A representative of the Tri-Isle Association – will lead us in this Liturgy of Farewell.

Kahu Jimmy

On April 28, 2019 this local church called Rev. Robin Lunn to serve as pastor.

Pastor Robin

I thank Makawao Union Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me this last year.

I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted.

As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned in our brief time together.

PEOPLE

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to enter a time of sabbatical, to rest and renew and wait upon the Lord for your next ministry setting.

**We express our gratitude for your time among us.
We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes.
Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at
your departure.**

Pastor Robin

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Vows of Release

Kahu Jimmy, *addressing the congregation*

Do you, the members and friends of Makawao Union Church release Pastor Robin from the duties of being your pastor?

PEOPLE

We do, with the help of God.

Kahu Jimmy

Do you offer her encouragement for her life and ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

PEOPLE

We do, with the help of God.

Kahu Jimmy, *addressing Pastor Robin*

Do you, Rev. Robin Lunn release Makawao Union Church from turning to you and depending on you?

Pastor Robin

I do, with the help of God.

Kahu Jimmy

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

Pastor Robin

I do, with the help of God.

Witness of the Conference/Association

Church Council may come forward or unmute.

Kahu Jimmy

On behalf of the Tri-Isle Association and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release.

The member churches of our Association and Conference hold each of you in prayer.

We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

Council Members

Thanks be to God

Kahu Jimmy

Let us pray.

ALL

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Luke 2:29; Rom. 1:16

Attrib. to John Fawcett, 1773; alt.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 We give thanks and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's
 3 So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; Let us each your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; May the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 world a - way, Fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: Oh, re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound: Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad your sum - mons to o - bey: May we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er live with you in end - less day.

Influenced by George Whitefield's preaching, John Fawcett joined the Baptist church, and served as minister in Wainsgate, England, for fifty-four years. Yielding to the persuasion of his parishioners, he declined invitations to move elsewhere. He wrote more than 160 hymns.

Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Sicilian melody, 18th century
 The European Magazine and Review, 1792

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

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments,
and I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever — e'en the spirit of truth.
(Text: John 14:15–17)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ◆ **Worship Helpers Wanted!** You can get involved with Worship as a great way to share your treasures of time and talents. We have openings for Zoom Hosts, Ushers, Call to our Offering Leaders and Scripture Readers in the coming months. Please email us if you can help in this important way: makawaounion@gmail.com

- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** Is Breaking Out in Fall Fun!! They have autumn décor, Halloween and Thanksgiving housewares, costumes and so much more. Our wonderful team of volunteers looks forward to seeing you each Saturday ~ 9AM to 2PM.
UPDATE: Starting November 4th they will be open on Wednesdays ~ from 9AM to 2PM.

- ◆ **Next Sunday** The Rev. Heather Mueller will be preaching for us from the pulpit. Please join us in the Sanctuary or on Zoom.

- ◆ **Annual Budget/Election Congregational Meeting** will be held next Sunday, October 25th at 2:00PM and will be **virtual** due to Covid restrictions this year. See your ‘Elele for more details.

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 21 Narcotics Anonymous, see <https://na-hawaii.org>
- Oct. 22 5PM Bible Study - Zoom
- Oct. 23 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
- Oct. 24 9AM – 2PM Secondhand Heaven
- Oct. 25 10:20AM Log/Dial in – Live or Zoom Worship
 10:30AM Worship – In-Person and Zoom
 2:00PM Annual Congregational Meeting - Zoom