

# **Makawao Union Church**



**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

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***Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:***

**To The Rev. Heather Mueller** for being our supply Pastor.  
**To Diana Dahl, Judy Anderson, Bill Kepler, Dave Williams, Jay Slaughter, and John Rowehl** for our live music today.  
**To Pat and Allan Shannon** for being our Ushers today.  
**To Lewis Gamble** for being our host today.  
**To Judy Anderson** for being our reader today.  
**To Jay Slaughter** for our Call to Offering today.  
**To our Worship Tech and Design Team: David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Chris Kepler and Bill Kepler.**

*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

*Pastorale*

Don Michael Dicie

### **Prayers to Gather Us In**

*Pastor Heather 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**

**O Day of God, Draw Near****611***R. B. Y. Scott, 1937; alt.**Ps. 105:7; 2 Pet. 3:8-15*

1 O Day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,  
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,  
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,  
 4 Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,  
 5 O Day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;

Come with your time-less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.  
 The qui - et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.  
 And fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.  
 That war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.  
 Let there be light a - gain, and let your reign be - gin on earth.

*R. B. Y. Scott was a theologian, Old Testament scholar, and social reformer who taught at McGill University, Montreal, and at Princeton University. A minister in the United Church of Canada, he wrote this text in 1937 for the Fellowship for a Christian Social Order.*

Tune: ST. MICHAEL S.M.  
 Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551  
 Adapt. William Croft, 1836

***We Listen***

Sacred Texts

Judy Anderson

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (New Revised Standard Version)**

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light

and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup> So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup> for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup> But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup> For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup> who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup> Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Matthew 25:14-30 (New Revised Standard Version)**

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

**Message**

**“The Time is Now”**

**Pastor Heather**

**Anthem**

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

arr. Roger Price

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.  
My soul He doth restore again,  
And in His love abide.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod  
And staff my comfort still.  
My table Thou hast furnishèd  
My cup Thou overfills.

Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.  
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(Psalm 23)

## *We Respond*

Centering into Our Communal Prayer

*Adagio*

Tomaso Albioni

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Our Offering

Jay Slaughter

Hymn

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

(The New Century Hymnal #25)

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,  
 soon bears us all away;  
 We fly for-got-ten, as a dream  
 fades at the o-pen-ing day.

6 O God, our help in a-ges past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our God while trou-bles last,  
 and our e-ter-nal home!

*Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
 William Croft, 1708

## 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

### Trumpet Tune in C

Robert Lau

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Special called Congregational Meeting** is **Today**, November 15<sup>th</sup> and will be **in-person**, immediately after worship.
- ◆ **Annual Budget/Election Congregational Meeting** is in **1 Week**, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be a Hybrid, **virtual and in-person** meeting, immediately after worship.
- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

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### Upcoming Events:

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| Nov. 18 | 9AM – 2PM Secondhand Heaven<br>Narcotics Anonymous, see <a href="https://na-hawaii.org">https://na-hawaii.org</a>   |
| Nov. 20 | 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary  |
| Nov. 21 | 9AM – 2PM Secondhand Heaven   |
| Nov. 22 | 10:20AM Log/Dial in – Live or Zoom Worship<br>10:30AM Worship – In-Person and Zoom<br>Annual Budget/Election Congregational Meeting<br>Following worship – Zoom or In-person. |