

Makawao Union Church



Welcome to the
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**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

*Congregational responses are printed in **bold**.*

The Time of Preparation

Aloha, Welcome and Announcements

Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you

Many: And also be with you.

One: Now we invite you to greet and share with one another in a sign of God's Peace.

Prelude

Prelude on an Irish Carol

George Emlen

Advent Call to Worship

One: Love. Everything begins with Love.

Many: From the beginning of creation to the end of time, God's Love colors everything.

One: Love. Everything continues with Love.

Many: From strangers across oceans to neighbors next door, God's Love dwells in everything.

One: Love. Everything ends with Love.

Many: From the most challenging struggle to the most wondrous delight, God's Love flows through everything.

One: Love. Everything leans toward Love.

Many: From the greatest ruler to the tiniest baby, God's Love changes everything.

One: Let us prepare the way for love and we will find Love shining in each and every breath that whispers: Emmanuel.

*Hymn #118

Of the Parent's Heart Begotten

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Of the Parent's Heart Begotten

Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (348-413)
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993


Col. 1:15-17; John 1:1-5, 14

1 Of the Par - ent's heart be - got - ten when the worlds were yet to be,
 2 By this Word was all cre - a - ted, by this Word were all things done:
 3 Bless - ed down - ing of sal - va - tion as the Word is breathed in grace
 4 Now be - hold the One whom proph - ets have fore - told for a - ges long
 5 Depths and heights break forth in sing - ing, an - gels, saints make mel - o - dy,

One there was with no be - gin - ning, One who is e - ter - nal - ly—
 Land and air and deep - est o - cean, har - mo - ny of three in one,
 In - to earth - ly flesh re - ceiv - ing— God in - car - nate tak - ing place;
 On the faith - ful page of scrip - ture, seers and sag - es in their song;
 All do - min - ions, ev - ery power sing, make new psalms of ec - sta - sy,

Source and End - ing of all things that have been,
 And all grow - ing in the lu - - - mi - nance
 Now the light of God re - vealed
 Now the Prom - ised One shines forth!
 Let no heart re - frain from prais - - - ing God,

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and all things that are to be, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 shed forth from the moon and sun, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 through the Child of hu - man face, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 Let all earth its praise pro-long, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.
 cel - e - brate in har - mo - ny, for - ev - er and for - ev - er.

"Corda nam ex parentis" is taken from twelve poems for the daily hours by Clement Prudentius, who gave up a court office to enter a monastery, where he wrote a number of important and influential works.

Tune: DIVINUM MYSTERIUM 8.7.8.7.7.
*Adapted from a medieval plainsong in Petri's Piae Cantiones, 1562
 Harp. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940*

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

Reader 1: We have lit two candles—for hope and for peace. Today we light the third candle—the candle of **Love**. With this flame we signify the **Love** of God that surrounds and fills us at all times, but that we recognize in a special way in the Christmas story. There is no greater power than **Love**. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We **Love**, because God Loves us.

Reader 2: Today we light the third candle of Advent. We kindle it with **Love**. We ignite this flame in acknowledgement of the **Love** of God that surrounds and fills us at all times. We know that there in our world today **Love** seems elusive. Apathy and hate fill the airwaves and yet we are reminded that Jesus comes to remind us that God is **Love**. We believe that this **Love** is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We believe this because we believe that God **Loves** us just because we are.

Reader 1: We light the candle of **Love** to symbolize the light that is always with us even when the sky is clouded over and we feel that we have lost our way. Emmanuel is **Love** incarnate and is bringing the Light of Christ into our world and into our lives. We light this candle to recommit our lives to **Love** this day.

We Continue in Prayer

Loving God, we open ourselves to you this Advent season. As these candles are lit, light our lives with your imagination. Show us the creative power of hope. Teach us the peace that comes from justice. Magnify your love within us. Prepare our hearts to be transformed by you that we may always walk in the light of Christ. Join us now as we offer this prayer, saying...

Lord's Prayer

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.

We Hear the Good News

Anthem

Prepare the Way of the Lord

William Rowan

Prepare the way of the Lord
make straight His path,
Every valley shall be exalted every hill made low;
and the crooked shall be made straight
and the rough places plain.
And the glory of the Lord
shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it together.
(Isaiah 40:4-5)

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4; 8-11

Judy Anderson

61 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion—to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. ⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

John 1:6-8; 19-28

Judy Anderson

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, “Who are you?” ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, “I am not the Messiah.” ²¹ And they asked him, “What then? Are you Elijah?” He said, “I am not.” “Are you the prophet?” He answered, “No.” ²² Then they said to him, “Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?” ²³ He said, “I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way of the Lord,’” as the prophet Isaiah said. ²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, “Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?” ²⁶ John answered them, “I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.” ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Sermon

“Prepare....”

Pastor Heather

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Centering into Our Communal Prayers

At Peace

John Turner

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Stewardship Moment

Joy Webster

ADVENT

The Baptist Shouts on Jordan's Shore

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Charles Coffin, 1736

Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1963

John 1:6-8, 19-28; Mark 1:1-8;

Luke 3:2-6, 15-18; Matt. 3:1-6, 11-12

1 The Bap - tist shouts on Jor - dan's shore, the
 2 The earth and sky and sea now feel that
 3 Clean up your hearts, lay down the way, for
 4 Through you, O Je - sus, you a - lone sal -

earth shakes with the might - y roar. A - wake, let laz - y
 which their Au - thor will re - veal: The Child now leap - ing
 God ap - proach - es day by day; Pre - pare for such a
 va - tion, so - lace, strength are known; With - out your love we

sleep now flee: be - hold, the voice of proph - e - cy!
 in the womb as God does hu - man form as - sume.
 wor - thy heir, for such a guest your house pre - pare.
 fade like grass, like wilt - ed flowers our lives will pass.

5 Your hands ex - tend, our pain em - brace,
 lift up the pros - trate, show your face;
 Though we in part your beau - ty know,
 O bios - som forth, your splen - dor show.

6 O One who comes to set us free,
 O Child, to you our song will be,
 With Fa - ther, Spir - it moth - er - ing,
 to you shall praise for - ev - er ring!

Charles Coffin, distinguished scholar and Latin author, was rector of the University of Paris for a time. The hymn, appearing here in a new translation, is from a breviary ordered by the archbishop of Paris to replace ancient Latin hymns with newer ones.

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW L.M.
 Musikalisches Handbuch, Hamburg, 1699

We Go Out Into the World

*Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer

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**‘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

Postlude on "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Robert M. Thompson

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PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS PEACE LOVE HOPE JESUS

Upcoming Events

- December 15 3:00 pm Deacon's Meeting - Zoom
- December 20 10:30 am Worship via Zoom – Advent 4
- December 24 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Service - Zoom

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