

Makawao Union Church

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Welcome to the
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 24, 2020

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*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 everyone to greet and share with one another in a sign of God's Peace.

Prelude

Abbie Betinis, "*Behind the Clouds*"

John Rowehl

Molly Schad, Soloist

Behind the clouds that darken human life,
Forever shines the Light of God;
And whensoever those clouds may go,
Dispelling the shadows in which we so
blindly grope,
Then is it, indeed, Hope.

With ears attuned to heaven's prophecies,
Our hearts await a Prince of Peace,
And whensoever that Prince appear,
And we in darkness, and we in fear
find release,
Then is it, indeed, Peace.

Awake! Awake! Lift up your hearts downcast,
For sorrow shall transform at last,
And whensoever that Rose unfurl'd,
Invites Hosannas for all the world
to employ,
Then is it, indeed, Joy.

O come, O come, come closer still tonight,
The pains of life remain, but Light...!
And whensoever that Light breaks through,
And we, in radiance, reflect a new
world above,
Then is it, indeed, Love.

(Text by Abbie Betinis, after Bates G. Burt)

Bidding Prayer

Pastor Dave Williams

Hymn **“Toda La Tierra” (All Earth Is Waiting)** – see back page

All earth is waiting to see the Promised One,
and open furrows, the sowing of our God.
All the world, bound and struggling, seeks true liberty;
It cries out for justice and searches for the truth.

Thus says the prophet to those of Israel.
“A virgin mother will bear Emanuel;”
One whose name is “God with us,” our Savior shall be,
Through whom hope will blossom once more in our hearts.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Gamble/Slaughter/McCleary Family

Reader 1: The Gospel of John speaks of Christ as the true light coming into the world. In commemoration of that coming, we light candles for the four weeks leading to Christmas and reflect on the coming of Christ. It is significant that the church has always used that language---the coming of Christ---because it speaks to a deep truth. Christ is coming. Christ is always coming, always entering into a troubled world, a wounded heart. And so, we light the first four candles, the candle of HOPE, the candle of PEACE, the candle of LOVE, and the candle of JOY. As we have done this again, we dare to express our longing for peace, for healing, and for the wellbeing of all creation.

Reader 2: So now we light the Christ Candle. We rejoice in the steadfast presence of God in our lives, and in God’s unique presence in the life of Jesus of Nazareth --- born of Mary, growing through childhood into an adult; in all his life manifesting the peace, love, and justice of God; his voice undimmed by the centuries, his call and his promise as clear to us as it was to his disciples so long ago.

(Light the Christ Candle)

ALL: Come to us, Lord Jesus; be born in us this night, in our hearts, our minds, our lives. May the light of your life be kindled in us, and lead us to the shining truth of God with us. God for us, and God in us. Amen. Jesus Has Come.

Advent Call to Worship

Leader: Let us say what we believe! There is dignity here -

People: We will exalt it.

Leader: There is courage here -

We will support it.

Leader: There is humanity here -

People: We will enjoy it.

Leader: There is a universe in every child -

People: We will share in it.

Leader: There is a voice calling through the chaos of our times;

People: There is a spirit moving in the depths;

Leader: There is a light, a promise of hope;

People: There is love and goodness – holiness – in human life.

Leader: Let them that have eyes to see, see.

People: Let them that have ears to hear, hear.

All: Behold, we bring you tidings of great joy: God reaching out to us in a Holy Birth!

We Hear the Good News

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Terry Rose

The prophet announces the birth of a king to a people in darkness.

Hymn: **"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see you lie!
Above your deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;
Yet in your dark streets shines forth the everlasting light,
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.

O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing, and voices ring with peace to all on earth.

The Second Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9 Puakenikeni Kepler
*The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice for the poor,
and peace for all of God's creation.*

Hymn: "**Hark, the Herald Angels Sing**"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born king;
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all you nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies,
With the angel hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! The herald angles sing, "Glory to the new born king!"

Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time the Savior comes, offspring of the Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the God-head see, hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased on earth with us to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angles sing, "Glory to the new born king!"

The Third Lesson: Luke 2:1-7 Bill Kepler
Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus is born.

Hymn: "**Away in the Manger**"

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed.
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing, the poor baby wakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.

The Fourth Lesson: Luke 2:8-16 Joy Webster
The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world, lying in a manger.

Hymn: “While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”

While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down, and glory shone around.
And glory shone around.

“Fear not,” the angel said for dread, had seized their troubled mind,
“Glad tidings of great joy I bring to all of human kind,
To all of human kind.

The Fifth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

Judi Nakanelua

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus, the King of the Jews.

Hymn: “What Child Is This”

1. What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary’s lap is sleeping?
Whom Angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch
are keeping.
2. So bring him incense, gold and myrrh, Come peasant, king to
own him. The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts
enthroned him.

Refrain: This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and
angels sing: Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the
son of Mary.

We Respond with Thanksgiving

A Musical Offering

John Rowehl

Pietro A Yan, “*Gesu, Bambino*”

Yeshua Garlathy, saxophone

*As we meditate on the many blessings that we have received this year, we
are invited to consider giving a generous gift to others.*

A Christmas Prayer

Pastor Dave Williams

We Share Christ’s Light

Hymn: **“Silent Night”** (*Po la’i e*)

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright.
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar, Heavenly hosts sing alleluia,
Christ, the Savior is born! Christ, the Savior is born!
Silent night, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Po-la’i e, po kama-ha’o, Ma-lu-hia, Ma-lama-lama,
Ka ma-kua-hi-ne a-lo-ha, e, Me ke kei-ki, He-mo-lele e,
Moe me ka ma-lu-hia la-ni, Moe me ka ma-lu-hia la-ni.

We Go Out Into the World

Fraser Wilson, arr., *“Sussex Carol”*

John Rowehl

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring;
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
to hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King’s birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
Then why should we on earth be sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad:
When from our sin He set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing,
All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light
Which made the angels sing this night:
“Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forevermore. Amen.”

(Traditional text noted by Luke Wadding, 1684)

Dismissal with Blessing

Pastor Dave Williams

Hymn: “**Joy to the World**”

Joy to the world! The Lord is come: Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns: Let all their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love, And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.

Postlude

John Rowehl

Don Michael Dicie, Fanfare on *The Sussex Carol*

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To **The Rev. Dave Williams** for being our supply Pastor.

To **Molly Schad, Soloist, Yeshua Garlathy, Saxophone, Judy Anderson, Jay Slaughter, Dave Williams** and **John Rowehl** for our live music tonight.

To **Gamble/Slaughter/McCleary Family** for lighting the Christ Candle.

To our scripture readers: **Terry Rose, Puakeniken Kepler, Bill Kepler, Joy Webster** and **Judi Nakanelua**.

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To our Worship Tech and Design Team: **David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, Chris Kepler** and **Bill Kepler**.

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First Lesson Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. . .

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The Zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Second Lesson Isaiah 11:1-4a, 6-9

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

The Third Lesson Luke 2:1-7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, each to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the City of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there the time came for her to be delivered. And she gave birth to her first-born son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths, and laid him in a manger, because there no place for them in the inn.

The Fourth Lesson Luke 2:8-16

And in that region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with fear. And the angel said to them, "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger."

The Fifth Lesson Matthew 2:1-12

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East, and have come to worship him."

When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it is written by the prophet: 'And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah: for from you shall come a ruler who will govern my people Israel.'"

Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star appeared; and he sent them to Bethlehem, saying "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him bring me word, that I too may come and worship him."

When they had heard the king they went their way; and lo, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy; and going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas, from all of us at

Makawao Union Church

Toda la Tierra (All Earth Is Waiting)

Isa. 40:3-5; Luke 3:4-6; Matt. 1:23

Alberto Taubó, 1972; alt.
Transl. Gertrude C. Suppe, 1987; alt.

Unison

1 To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor y el sur - co a - bier - to, la
 2 Di - ce el pro - fe - ta al pue - blo de Is - ra - el: "De ma - dre vir - gen ya
 1 All earth is wait - ing to see the Prom - ised One, and o - pen fur - rows, the
 2 Thus says the proph - et to those of Is - ra - el, "A vir - gin moth - er will

o - bra del Crea - dor; es el mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad,
 vic - ne Em - ma - nuel," se - rá "Dios con no - so - tros," se - mi - lla se - rá,
 sow - ing of our God. All the world, bound and strug - gling, seeks true lib - er - ty;
 bear Em - man - u - el"; One whose name is "God with us," our Sav - ior shall be,

re - cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad, (4 dar - nos li - ber - tad.)
 con él la es - pe - ran - za al mun - do vol - ve - rá.
 it cries out for jus - tice and search - es for the truth, (4 brings us lib - er - ty.)
 through whom hope will blos - som once more with - in our hearts.

Alberto Taubó, composer and author of this new Advent hymn,
 has served as a parish priest and music editor for the Roman
 Catholic Church in Spain. This hymn was his first to be
 published in the United States.

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 Alberto Taubó, 1972
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