

Makawao Union Church



The First Sunday after Christmas

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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To Martha-Lee Bohn for being our supply Pastor.
To Tracey Bloser, soloist and **John Rowehl** for our live music today.
To Chris Kepler and **Lewis Gamble** for being our hosts today.
To Jay Slaughter for being our reader today.
To our Worship Tech and Design Teams: David Fisher, Lewis Gamble, John Rowehl, Jay Slaughter, 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: We invite you to greet one another in a sign of God's peace.

Prelude *Prelude on an Irish Carol* George Emlen

Prayers to Gather Us In

Martha-Lee 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

Hymn *Angels We Have Heard on High*

1 Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply,
echo back their joyous strains.

Refrain:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
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2 Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
Say what may the tidings be,
which inspire your heavenly song. [Refrain]

3 Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing;
Come adore on bended knee,
God, our world now entering. [Refrain]

4 See the babe in manger laid
whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
while our hearts in love we raise. [Refrain]

We Listen

Anthem

Christmas Joy

Mark Schweizer

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky has withdrawn,
When the kings see their prophecy rightly fulfilled,
When the princes and shepherds have gone;

Then the true work of Christmas begins.

to find the lost,
to heal the broken hearts,
to feed the hungry,

to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among all brothers,
to make music in the heart.

(from a poem by Howard Thurman)

Sacred Texts

Jay Slaughter

Isaiah 61:10-62:3 (New Revised Standard Version)

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.

62 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Luke 2:22-40 (New Revised Standard Version)

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." ²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; ³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation, ³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.” ³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. ³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.” ³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Message

Martha-Lee Bohn

“Recognizing the Divine”

We Respond

Centering into Our Communal Prayer

Lullaby for the Baby Jesus

Lani Smith

Prayers for All That Has Been Shared

Call to Offering

Martha-Lee Bohn

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

(The New Century Hymnal #129)

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now give heed to what we say:
Jesus Christ was born today;
Ox and ass before him bow,
asleep within the manger now.
Christ is born today,
Christ is born today!

2 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now you know of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this!
God has opened heaven's door,
and you are blessed forevermore.
Christ was born for this,
Christ was born for this!

3 Good Christian friends, rejoice
with heart and soul and voice;
now ye need not fear the grave:
Jesus Christ was born to save!
Calls you one and calls you all
to gain his everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save,
Christ was born to save!

We Go Forth

Benediction

The Queen's Prayer

Queen Lili'uokalani

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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.

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- ◆ **Next Sunday** The Rev. David Williams will be preaching for us from the pulpit. Please join us on Zoom.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** is eager to reopen, hopefully on January 2nd. They will be making that determination next week – look for an update in next week’s ‘Elele.

Upcoming Events:

- December 31 New Year’s Eve
- January 1 *** Happy New Year! **
Remote office closed
- January 2 9AM – 2 PM Secondhand Heaven (fingers crossed)
- January 3 10:30 am Worship via Zoom