

Makawao Union Church



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

**Please stand in body or in spirit
Congregational responses are printed in **bold***

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Serenity

Charles Ives

Molly Schad, soprano

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song *Surely the Presence of the Lord*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

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*Call to Worship

One: Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

Many: We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

One: Who among you is seeking God's bright and holy truth?

**Many: We long to learn the ways of wisdom and
righteousness.**

One: Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

Many: We long to live lives of holiness and light.

One: God grants God's wisdom generously to all who ask.
Come near, people of God!

Many: Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

*Hymn

God Is Here!

(Chalice Hymnal #280)

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of - fer
 2. Here are sym-bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep - herd's
 4. Lord of all, of church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, fount, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world a -
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es - ty of
 Christ sus - tains us, as of old. Here the ser - vants of the
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's ded - i -

round us, all our var - led skills and arts wait the
 preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech, here, in
 Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore what it
 ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive; we, who

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

Gathering Prayer
May God be with you.

And also with you....

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

Spirit Truth, Pure Light of Love

Robert J. Powell

Spirit Truth, pure Light of Love,
Guiding Light of God above;
Make Your beacon ours;
Inspire us to shine so all may know
The radiance of the Spirit's own
Revealing power.

Spirit Wind, sweet Song of Love,
Stirring Song of God above,
Make Your music ours;
Excite us to sing so all may know
The anthem of the Spirit's own
Resounding power.

Spirit Fire, fierce Breath of Love,
Blazing Breath of God above,
Make Your passion ours;
Impel us to live so all may know
The fervor of the Spirit's own
Resplendent power.

(Carol McClure)

Scripture

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. ³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?”

³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

4 Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you?

² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Sermon “God is Not a Magician” **Martha-Lee Bohn**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**Dear God,
You are the generous one,
full of mercy
and goodness for your creation.**

**Send your wisdom with these gifts,
that they may reach those
who need your love and welcome.**

**Bring about a harvest of goodness
through these gifts sown in peace.
Amen.**

*Hymn *Sweet Hour of Prayer* #505 (The New Century Hymnal)

(See Last Page)

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.

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- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** is happy to announce they will **reopen on Saturday, September 25th!** Their new hours will be 9am – 2pm on Saturdays only. Covid protocols will continue. See you on Saturday!
- ◆ **Give Aloha** During the month of September, you can donate up to \$249 to Makawao Union Church in Foodland's *Give Aloha* campaign. All you need is a Maika'i card (if you don't have one you can set it up at the checkout register) and donations are payable in the form of cash, check, or credit card at the checkout counter. Foodland/Sac N Save/Foodland Farms will then pass on your gift to Makawao Union Church, along with an additional donation. MUC Code: 78617. Don't forget to turn in your Foodland receipt (make sure your name appears on the receipt) to our Financial Secretary by scanning and emailing to: judy@zenvilla.com or you can mail it to:
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Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

- To Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our supply Pastor.
- To the Deacons** for providing the Altar flowers.
- To Bill Kepler and Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our readers today.
- To Judy Anderson, Diana Dahl, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler, John Rowehl, Molly Schad and Jay Slaughter** for our music today.
- To Lewis Gamble** for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events:

- Sep 23 12PM Council Meeting, Aloha Room/Hybrid
- Sep 26 10:30AM Worship – Zoom

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

William Walford, 1845; alt.

1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,
 2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share
 3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known,
 of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-turn!
 to One whose truth and faith-ful-ness en-gage the wait-ing soul to bless.

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of-ten found re-lief,
 With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,
 And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be-lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,

and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re-turn, sweet hour of prayer!
 And glad-ly take my sta-tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!
 I'll cast a-way my ev-ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!