

Makawao Union Church



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 30, 2022

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

I Need Thee Every Hour

Anna Laura Page

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song

This Is the Day

#84 (The New Century Hymnal)

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made,
that our God has made;
we will rejoice,
we will rejoice and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day,
this is the day that our God has made.**

*Call to Worship

LEADER: Come! Hear the call of God:
“Speak of me to my people.”

**PEOPLE: But we are just ordinary folks.
Who will listen?**

LEADER: “I will give you the words.
I will always be with you as you speak
my words of truth and justice and love.”

**ALL: We gather here to worship you,
to praise you for your loving presence,
and to be strengthened for the calling
you have given us.**

*Hymn

Let Us Hope When Hope Seems Hopeless

#461 (The New Century Hymnal)

(See Pages 7-8)

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

When the Perfect Comes

Carson Cooman

Brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, I call upon you: present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your reasonable worship.

Prophecies will come to an end, tongues will cease, knowledge will come to an end; But Love never ends. And when the perfect comes, the imperfect will pass away. Do not be conformed to the present age, but transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern the will of God: what is good, what is well-pleasing, what is good and perfect. Amen.

(Text from Romans 12:1; I Corinthians 13:8,10; Romans 12:2)

Scripture

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)

Judy Anderson

13 If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain

nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

Luke 4:21-30 (NRSV)

Chris Kepler

²¹ Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³ He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴ And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Sermon

Martha-Lee Bohn

“Without love in a dream, it’ll never come true”

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offering

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Loving God, we have been blessed with so much through your goodness. As we bring our gifts in gratitude this morning, you remind us that it doesn't matter what we have in our lives, if we do not have love, we have nothing. This love is not the love of Valentine's Day cards, and not even the love we feel among families, which are both rich blessings. You long for us to experience *agape* love – the love of the world, the love for those we don't even know. Open our eyes and our hearts. In Christ, our teacher, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn

The Gift of Love

#526 (Chalice Hymnal)

(See Page 9)

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:

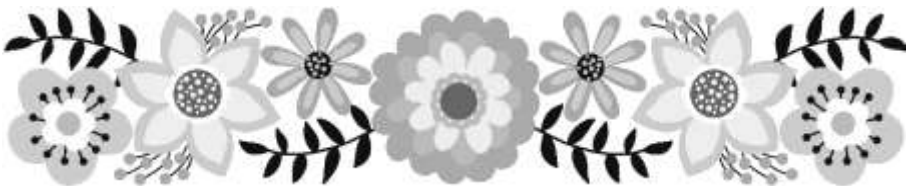
Your loving mercy is as high as heaven and your truth so perfect.

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

arr. Mark Hayes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ **Please continue supporting MUC with your time, talents and treasures.**

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- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** Will **reopen** on Wednesday, February 2nd, 2022 ~ their Fourth Anniversary! We are so grateful to all the volunteers who worked so tirelessly to prepare for the reopening. Shop Hours: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM.
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast** The next Men's breakfast will be on Saturday, February 12th at 8:30AM at Freshies. Please join in for great breakfast and fellowship. All men are welcome!
- ◆ **Annual Reports Meeting** The February Annual Reports Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 13th after worship. Church Leaders: please submit your reports to the office no later than tomorrow, **Monday, January 31st**. This meeting will be held as a hybrid in-person and via Zoom meeting. You will have plenty of time to get home and prepare for the Super Bowl afterwards. Mahalo!

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our supply Pastor.

To **Alexie Lee and Peter Kim** for being our Greeters.

To **Alexie Lee** for providing the Altar flowers.

To **Judy Anderson and Chris Kepler** for being our readers.

To **Judy Anderson, David Fisher, Bill Kepler, Chris Kepler, Kiele Kepler, Jan Ryan, Jay Slaughter and Leah Tinkelman** for our live music today.

To **Chris Kepler** for being our Tech host.

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 1 4:00PM Personnel Meeting, Zoom
- Feb 2 9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
**** Fourth Anniversary! ****
- Feb 4 1:00PM Facilities Use Meeting, Lanai
6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
- Feb 5 9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
- Feb 6 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30AM Worship
- Feb 8 2PM Deacons Meeting, Rose's/Hybrid
5PM Trustees Meeting, Narthex
- Feb 9 9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
- Feb 11 6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
- Feb 12 8:30AM Men's Breakfast, Freshies
9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
- Feb 13 9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30AM Worship
11:30AM Annual Reports Meeting, Hybrid
4:00PM Ka Hale A Ke Ola Shelter Dinner
- Feb 14 **** Happy Valentine's Day! ****

Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

*Ps. 126:5-6; Rom. 4:18; 1 Cor. 13**David Beebe, 1989*

1 Let us hope when hope seems hope - less, when the
 2 Faith and hope in love's com - pas - sion will sur -
 3 Like a child out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting

dreams we dreamed have died. When the morn - ing
 vive though knowl - edge cease, though the tongues of
 child - hood things a - way, we will learn to

breaks in bright - ness, hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied.
 joy fall si - lent, dull the words of proph - e - cies,
 live in free - dom, in the life of God's new day.

One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re - trace the
 Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall set its
 Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we shall see

sor - row - ing way and re - joice in har - vest
 an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -
 face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -

boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.
 ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.
 pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

The Gift of Love

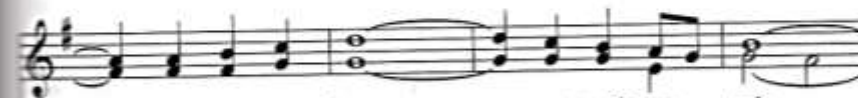
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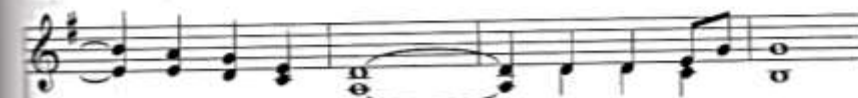
1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire,
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess,
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol,



and have the gift to all in - spire,
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,
 but not be given by love with - in,
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 by this we wor ship, and are freed.



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