

Makawao Union Church



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

Be Still and Know

Jason W. Krug

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song

Part of the Family

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family
You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family.**

**Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.**

*Call to Worship

One: Come! Gather! Celebrate!

All: We come to worship as the people of God.

One: Come! Listen! Pray!

All: We come to follow Jesus.

One: Come learn the ways of life.

All: We come to hear the word of God.

One: Bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you.

All: We come seeking forgiveness and hope.

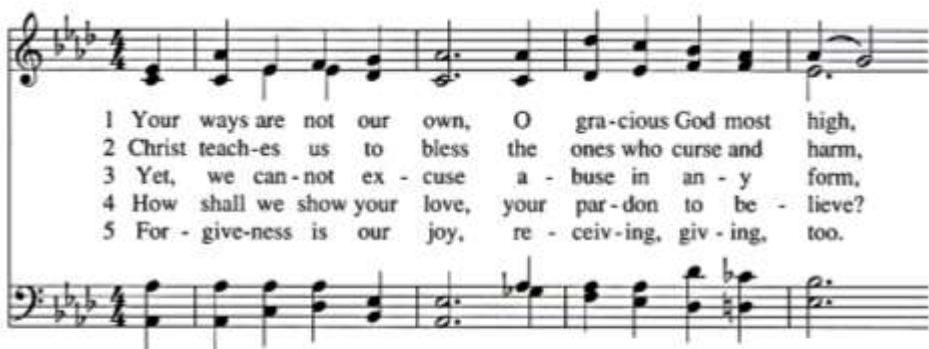
One: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

**All: We come because the Holy Spirit calls us
Let us worship God!**

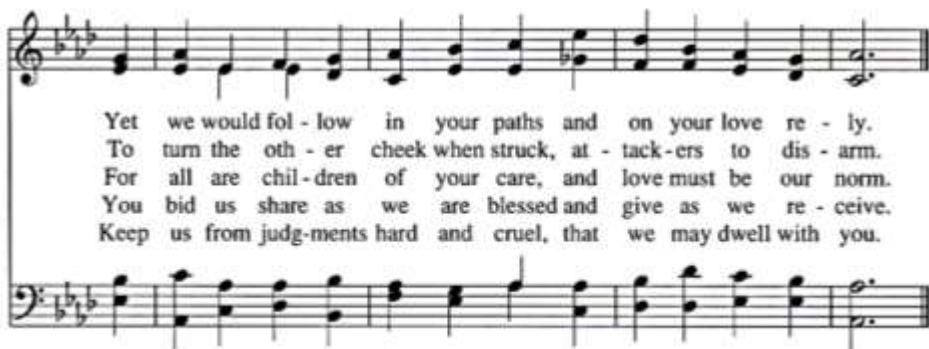
*Hymn

Your Ways Are Not Our Own

#170 (The New Century Hymnal)



1 Your ways are not our own, O gra-cious God most high,
2 Christ teach-es us to bless the ones who curse and harm,
3 Yet, we can-not ex - cuse a - buse in an - y form,
4 How shall we show your love, your par-don to be - lieve?
5 For - give-ness is our joy, re - ceiv-ing, giv - ing, too.



Yet we would fol - low in your paths and on your love re - ly.
To turn the oth - er cheek when struck, at - tack-ers to dis - arm.
For all are chil-dren of your care, and love must be our norm.
You bid us share as we are blessed and give as we re - ceive.
Keep us from judg-ments hard and cruel, that we may dwell with you.

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

Know That God Loves You

Know that God loves you.
God's command is this:
"Love one another as I have loved you."
For neither death nor life,
nor present nor future,
shall separate us from the love of God.

(Adapted from Psalm 37 and Romans 8)

Scripture

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 (NRSV)

Alexie Lee

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵ And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷ God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸ So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹ Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay.

¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'

¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

²⁷ “But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸ bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³² “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³ If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴ If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵ But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. ³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸ give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

Sermon

“Love is a Choice”

Martha-Lee Bohn

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offering

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Mighty God, you brought all of creation into being and saw it was good. You sent Jesus to show humanity the Way of Love. Thank you for opening our hearts and our hands, as we seek to do to others as we would have them do to us. Let these gift be the measure we give because we yearn to remain in love. AMEN.

*Hymn

They Asked, "Who's My Neighbor?"

#541 (The New Century Hymnal)

Unison F Dm Am Gm

1 They asked, "Who's my neigh - bor and whom should I love; for
2 There once was a trav - el - er set on by thieves who
3 A cer - tain Sa - mar - i - tan then came a - long to
4 I know who's my neigh - bor and whom I should love, for

F/C Dm C C7 F C

whom should I do a good deed?" Then Je - sus re - lat - ed a
beat him and left him to die; A priest and a Le - vite each
bind up his wounds and give aid; He took him to stay at an
whom I should do a good deed; For Je - sus made clear in the

F Am Gm/Bb F/C C7

sto - ry and said, "It's an - y - one who has a
saw him in pain; but they turned a - way and walked
inn un - til well, and for all the ser - vice he
sto - ry he told, it's an - y - one who has a

Dm Bb F/C C7 F

need, yes, an - y - one who has a need."
by, yes, they turned a - way and walked by.
paid, yes, for all the ser - vice he paid.
need, yes, an - y - one who has a need.

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.

Postlude *Today We Are Called to Be Disciples* Jason W. Krug

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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- ◆ **Ash Wednesday Service** we will have a short intimate service in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:30PM. Rev. Heather Mueller will be leading this simple service.

- ♦ **Secondhand Heaven** is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. Come explore all the nooks and crannies with bargains galore. Secondhand Heaven is now a permanent drop-off site for the **Maui Food Bank** – don't forget your non-perishable food donations. See you soon!

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

To **Martha-Lee Bohn** for being our supply Pastor.
 To **Judi Nakanelua** and **Dick Ball** for being our Greeters.
 To the **Kepler Family** for providing the Altar flowers.
 To **Alexie Lee** and **Judi Nakanelua** for being our readers.
 To the **Kepler Family** for lighting the stained-glass windows this week in honor of “Chris’ 50th Birthday – Happy Birthday Chris!”
 To **Maureen Akimseu, 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 21	** <i>President's Day!</i> ** Office Closed
Feb 23	9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
	8:00PM Narcotics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Feb 25	6:30PM Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Feb 26	9:00AM Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Feb 27	9:00AM Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM Worship ~ Transfiguration Sunday
Mar 2	5:30PM Ash Wednesday ~ Simple Service

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