

Makawao Union Church



Starry Night

Vincent Van Gogh

Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

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

The Time of Preparation

Prelude

A Quiet Reflection

R. Kevin Boesiger

Welcome, Announcements, and Greetings

*Gathering Song *Here We Gather As God's People*

**Here we gather as God's people
with our friends from far and near;
Let our voices sound with praises
knowing Christ has called us here.
Now we seek and greet each other,
now in joy approach our friends.
Here we mingle, bound together
as to all our love extends.**

*Call to Worship

One: Lent is a time of waiting for life.

All: And yet there is living to do in the meantime.

One: Abraham and Sarah waited long for a child.

All: They longed for a son, an heir, a continuation of their lineage.

One: God called Abraham and Sarah to be patient;

All: Like they were called to be patient, Lent calls us to sit in a place of patient trust.

One: While we wait, we remember the words of the Psalmist:
The Lord is our light and our salvation.

All: Whom shall we fear?

One: The Lord is the stronghold of our life.

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Come, the Lenten journey continues...

All: Let us worship God!

Unison

You are my hid - ing place, you al - ways fill my heart with

songs of de - liv - er - ance. When - ev - er I am a - fraid, I will trust in

Fine (last time)

you. I will trust in you; let the weak say

D.C.

"I am strong in the strength of my God."

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

Lead Me Out of the Wilderness

Brad Nix

Scripture

Terry Rose

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18 (New Revised Standard Version)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."⁴ But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."⁵ He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."⁶ And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.⁷ Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess."⁸ But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"⁹ He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."¹⁰ He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.¹¹ And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷ When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸ On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...”

Luke 13:31-35 (New Revised Standard Version)

³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³² He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Sermon “See the Goodness of the Lord” **Martha-Lee Bohn**

We Respond with Thanksgiving

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology #780

*Prayer of Dedication

Faithful God, you have kept your promises to us.

Our lives give witness to your abundant blessings.

May we faithfully keep our promises to you.

Strengthen our commitment to live as true disciples of Jesus

Christ. Your love sustains us, guides us, and empowers us.

Take these gifts as signs of our promise to give ourselves completely into your care; to live without fear; and to trust your love without reservation. Amen.

Welcoming into membership:

Michele Bagda, Dick Ball, and Gretchen Martin

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIVE LITANY

Moderator: Blessed are those who yearn for deepening in their faith journey; who are not afraid to grow in spirit.

People: Blessed are those who take seriously the bonds of community; who regularly join in celebration and learning; who come as much to minister as to be ministered to.

Moderator: Blessed are those who understand that, while the church is at times imperfect, bring their concerns and needs before the church family.

People: Blessed are those who support the church and its' work through their giving, and who give of themselves as well as their material goods.

Moderator: Blessed are those who when asked to serve, do so gladly.

People: Blessed are those who know that the work of the church is the transformation of individual and society; who have a vision of the Beloved Community transcending the present; and, who do not shrink from challenges, sacrifices or changes. They are blessed indeed.

QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Deacon: Do you desire to affirm your baptism into the faith and family of Jesus Christ? *I do.*

Deacon: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciple, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able? *I promise, with the help of God.*

Deacon: Do you promise, according to the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission into all the world? *I promise, with the help of God.*

Deacon: Do you promise to participate in the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as it serves this community and the world? *I promise, with the help of God.*

Moderator: In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of Makawao Union Church, we extend the hand of Christian love, welcoming you into the company of our church family. Now all please stand and join in reading the covenant of our church.

***All: We do hereby set forth the principles of the Christian faith as commonly held among us, believing that the foundation of our lives is Jesus Christ. It is our aim to bring joy to little children, instruction and high ideals to youth, inspiration to men and women in the midst of life and comfort to those in life's later years, and to work together for the betterment of all people. Our fellowship is not dependent upon uniformity of theological opinion, or of outward circumstance, or of denominational name, but grows from a common loyalty to Jesus, a common passion to serve the world, and a common purpose to do justly, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God. Our ideal is a church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision, which ever seeks to express, in all walks of life, the mind and spirit of Jesus.**

Moderator: On behalf of the members of the Makawao Union Church, we express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ. We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church.

We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of our life in Christ.

Rev. B. David Williams: By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Christ. May your hand be ever over your servants who have made a commitment to membership today. May we all serve you in this life and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ. Let us all say together: **AMEN!**

*Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*
#182 (The New Century Hymnal)

We Go Forth

Benediction

*The Queen's Prayer Queen Lili'uokalani # 580

*'O kou aloha nō, Aia i ka lani
A 'o kou 'oiū i 'o, He hemolele ho'i. 'Āmene.*

English translation:

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

Postlude *Our Great Savior: A Fantasia on "Hyfrydol"*
John Innes

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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- ◆ **New Members** Come to the Lanai after worship to meet and greet our new members. The Deacons will be hosting a light Aloha Hour. Congratulations to Michele, Dick and Gretchen!
- ◆ **One Great Hour of Sharing** We will be collecting donations on Sunday, March 27th to support this important mission. Your donations go farther to help with education, health care, agriculture, and food sustainability worldwide.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. There are volumes of gently used books to peruse, and plenty of fabric, yarn, and craft supplies to keep you busy this spring. There are many treasures to find - all are priced right!

Mahalo to the following for their talents and service:

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

To **Maggie and John Rogers** for serving as our Greeters.

To **Maggie and John Rogers** for providing the Altar flowers this morning in honor of our New Members.

To **Terry Rose** for being our reader today.

To **Barbara LaMarca** for lighting the stained-glass this week:
“Welcome New Members!”

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

To **Jay Slaughter** for being our Tech host today.

Upcoming Events:

Mar 16	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
	5:30PM	Lenten Bible Study, Zoom
	8:00PM	Narcotics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Mar 17	4:00PM	Council Meeting, Narthex
Mar 18	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Mar 19	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Mar 20	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship
Mar 23	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
	5:30PM	Lenten Bible Study, Zoom
	8:00PM	Narcotics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Mar 25	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Mar 26	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Mar 27	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship

**** One Great Hour of Sharing Collection ****



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