

# Makawao Union Church



*The Return of the Prodigal Son*

Rembrandt - 1669

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**March 27, 2022**

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

*The Time of Preparation*

Prelude

*O Love, How Deep*

Jason W. Krug

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

L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.

**P: For once we were lost and felt so far away; now we have  
been found and welcomed home.**

L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.

**P: We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**

L: Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.

**P: AMEN!**

\*Hymn # 202

*O God, How We Have Wandered*

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

*The Road Home*

Stephen Paulus

Scripture

Judy Anderson

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (NRSV)**

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>11</sup> Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. <sup>14</sup> When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup> He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! <sup>18</sup> I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ <sup>20</sup> So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still

far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup> for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup> He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

## **2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NRSV)**

<sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup> So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*We Respond with Thanksgiving*

Prayers of the People

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology # 780

\*Prayer of Dedication

**Bless these gifts, Generous God,  
that they may be used to find your children— children who  
wander in hunger,  
children who long to come home.  
Through our gifts,  
may all who wander set off for home,  
and may we celebrate and rejoice  
in their homecoming. Amen.**

\*Hymn # 476

*My Life Flows On*

*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

*I Know Whom I Have Believed*

Ruth Elaine Schram

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

To make a donation please use the offering plates or visit our website at [www.makawaounionchurch.org](http://www.makawaounionchurch.org), or you can send your donations via US Postal service to our mailing address:

Makawao Union Church  
PO Box 790071  
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- ◆ **One Great Hour of Sharing** Today, we will be joining churches from all over the United States supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. For those using the donations envelopes and/or writing checks, please make your checks out to Makawao Union Church with **OGHS** in the memo.
- ◆ **Worship Update** In light of improving COVID metrics, the Church Council has decided that some safety measures for indoor gatherings at Makawao Union will be relaxed starting today. For the time being, we still ask you to practice safe distancing, and in the sanctuary, alternate pews will still be roped off as a reminder. But (while we always honor your own personal safety precautions), we won't be asking you to wear masks.
- ◆ **Secondhand Heaven** is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM to 2PM. Lent is a great time to reflect on life. Come visit the library and check out the array of books to help enrich your spirit.
- ◆ **Lenten Bible Study** continues on March 30 and April 6. Martha-Lee Bohn and Rev. Heather Mueller lead us in this in-depth Wednesday evening study of our Sunday scripture readings. Look for the Zoom invitation on Wednesday mornings, or you may join by logging in and joining the meetings:  
Meeting ID: **813 3881 5118**  
Passcode: **726350**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

Mar 30	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
	5:30PM	Lenten Bible Study, Zoom
	8:00PM	Narcotics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Apr 1	6:30PM	Alcoholics Anonymous, Sanctuary
Apr 2	9:00AM	Secondhand Heaven, Community Hall
Apr 3	9:00AM	Choir Rehearsal
	10:30AM	Worship – Communion Sunday

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The Greatest of These is Love.  
**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
MARCH 27