

Welcome to



Real Faith in a Synthetic World

# PLASTIC Jesus



*"Responding to our changing world with God's unchanging love and grace."*

*inclusive - intentional - involved*

Honolulu, Hawai'i

# ALOHA & WELCOME

**Calvary by the Sea is responding to our changing world with God's unchanging love and grace.** We strive to be an inclusive, intentional and involved congregation with our island and world. We truly welcome all people and celebrate God's diversity of humanity in the world. We are so glad you are joining us! Please take a deep breath and know you are loved by God.

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April 7th: \$4,744.25

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VOLUNTEER

**Food Justice:** Volunteer to nourish and feed our island. Days and times are as follows: Thursdays from 1PM-3PM (only 1st & 3rd Thursdays) or Fridays at 10AM-12PM (only 2nd & 4th Fridays). Please contact Mieko Takada, our Parish Administrator at [info@calvarybythesea.org](mailto:info@calvarybythesea.org)

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL

**We love kids in worship!** Children are invited to participate in Sunday School, dismissed about **15 minutes into worship.** Preschool through Elementary School. We want our kids to love being at church!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Jr. High & High School students and parents connect with Minister Eric at [eric@calvarybythesea.org](mailto:eric@calvarybythesea.org)

**Today is April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year B  
EARTH DAY SUNDAY**

**Worship Band:** (Leader/Vocals) Alana Freitas, (Bass) Alika Lyman, (Piano) Keith Montross, (Saxophone) Jason Gay, (Guitar) Peter Gorham, and (Drums) Scott Shafer.  
**Audio/Online:** Fletch Young. **Worship Assistant:** Mark Chuakay. **Welcome Center:** Sherri Clark. **Ministry Team:** (Associate Minister of Family Ministries) Grace Lee, (Associate Minister of Student Ministries) Eric Hasha, (Parish Administrator) Mieko Takada, (Worship Director) Alana Freitas, (Senior Pastor) Moses Barrios.  
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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

**PRELUDE** *(acolyte proceed.)* What A Wonderful World (Instrumental)

CBTS Worship Band

### SOUNDING OF THE PŪ & WELCOME

*(Please prepare your soul as the conch shell sound draws us to worship the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.)*

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *(Please stand as you are able.)*

- One: We acknowledge Hawai'i as an indigenous space whose original people are today identified as Native Hawaiians. The 'āina on which we gather was yielded under duress and protest to the United States to avoid bloodshed. We further recognize that generations of indigenous Hawaiians and their knowledge systems shaped Hawai'i in a sustainable way that allows us to enjoy her gifts today.
- All: For this we are truly grateful and yet we lament this history and injustice. We will continue to work and pray for authentic reconciliation and healing. Amen.**

### CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

We who too often lose our way gather today to say, "The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it; for (God) founded it on the seas and established it on the waters." And yet those same waters are polluted by the plastics we have made and discarded. We pause to ask ourselves again what it would be like to see creation liberated and experiencing freedom and glory. **Along with all creation we wait for the glory of God to be revealed and we commit to playing our part, as the children of God. May we find liberation from our plastic addiction and healing for our land and water. Amen.**

One: Scripture tells us that "creation waits with eager longing for the children of God to be revealed."

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: To open our eyes to the devastation in our world.

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: To put the needs of the most vulnerable above the greed of the powerful.

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: To move from doing what is easy to doing what is necessary and right.

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: To prioritize the needs of community over the convenience of self.

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: To remove the pollution from our seas, land, air, bodies and hearts.

**All: Creation is waiting for us.**

One: In all these things and more, creation waits for us to assume our roles as its servants and protectors.

**All: With God's help, we will answer creation's call. Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

#### "THE EARTH IS YOURS"

- Verse 1:* Your voice it thunders. The oaks start twisting. The forest sounds with cedars breaking. The waters see You and start their writhing. From the depths a song is rising. Now it's rising from the ground.
- Chorus:* Holy holy holy holy Lord. The earth is Yours and singing. Holy holy holy holy Lord. The earth is Yours. The earth is Yours.

Verse 2: Your voice it thunders. The ground is shaking. The mighty mountains now are trembling. Creation sees You and starts composing. The fields and trees they start rejoicing. Now it's rising from the ground. Now it's rising from the ground. Hear us crying out. Hear us crying out.

Chorus: Holy holy holy holy Lord. The earth is Yours and singing. Holy holy holy holy Lord  
The earth is Yours. The earth is Yours.

CCLI Song # 5665655 Michael Gungor

**REMEMBERING AND CONFESSION** *(Take the fragrant symbol you received at the door, rub it between your fingers and share with the person next to you a special memory of Earth as a planet that stirred your spirit or sense of wonder.)*

One: We remember planet Earth with wonder.

**All: We remember our excitement when we first saw the orb of Earth, the mystery of a living green blue planet, a fragile speck of stardust made into a magnificent home.**

One: We remember and rejoice.

**All: Thank you, God, for the privilege of seeing Earth anew as a gift from you.**

One: Now, place your fragrant symbol between your thumb and index finger.

**All: As we hold this fragrant symbol aloft, we remember and confess that we have become alienated from Earth and viewed this planet as disposable, a source of endless resources, a mere stopping place en route to heaven.**

**We are sorry. We have polluted Earth's waters with toxins,**

**We have turned our greed into global warming.**

**We have helped cause arctic regions to melt.**

**We are loved progress more than the planet.**

**We are sorry. We are sorry.**

One: We are sorry.

**All: We are sorry. We are sorry.**

One: Christ hears your confession and forgives your sins against Earth.

**All: Christ, teach us to love Earth as our home and the planet as a precious sanctuary.**

One: I speak for Christ: I invite you to celebrate Earth as your home and to revere this planet as God's sanctuary.

**All: Shalom! Shalom! Earth is our home!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

Let us pray together.

**God, our Creator, as we reflect on the mystery of our fragile planet, we celebrate the wonders of Earth as our home. Help us to discern how we have polluted our planet and to empathize with the groaning of creation beneath us. Teach us to sense the presence of God pulsing through Earth as a living green blue sanctuary. Teach us to love Earth as our home. In the name of Christ, the Word of God, who is the creative impulse in all creation. Amen.**

**THE PEACE AND SHARING TIME** *(Please remain standing as you are able.)*

*How do plastics pollute our waterways?*

The peace and the aloha of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**CHILDREN DISMISSED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(As water is poured into the font shell)*

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.  
We believe Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,  
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,  
became a piece of Earth, a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the core of creation  
reconciling all things to God, renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.  
We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 1:20-23**

God spoke: "Swarm, Ocean, with fish and all sea life!  
Birds, fly through the sky over Earth!"  
God created the huge whales,  
all the swarm of life in the waters,  
And every kind and species of flying birds.  
God saw that it was good.  
God blessed them: "Prosper! Reproduce! Fill Ocean!  
Birds, reproduce on Earth!"  
It was evening, it was morning—  
Day Five.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **MESSAGE & DIALOGUE**

Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Moses D. Barrios (he/him)

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### ***ELW 739 "TOUCH THE EARTH LIGHTLY"***

- Verse 1:* Touch the earth lightly. Use the earth gently. Nourish the life of the world in our care. Gift of great wonder. Ours to surrender. Trust for the children tomorrow will bear.
- Verse 2:* We who endanger. Who create hunger. Agents of death for all creatures that live. We who would foster. Clouds of disaster. God of our planet forestall and forgive.
- Verse 3:* Let there be greening. Birth from the burning. Water that blesses and air that is sweet. Health in God's garden. Hope in God's children. Regeneration that peace will complete.
- Verse 4:* God of all living. God of all loving. God of the seedling the snow and the sun. Teach us deflect us. Christ reconnect us. Using us gently and making us one.

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## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Thank you for the many good gifts you have given us — so much beauty and abundance in creation all around us. **The earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Aloha ke Akua.**

And yet we hear creation groaning and we have heavy hearts because we know so much of creation's pain is due to our actions. Forgive us for polluting the environment through our selfish deeds, without considering the impacts on people and creation. **The earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Aloha ke Akua.**

Help us fulfill Jesus' call to love our neighbors and take action to look out for one another. We remember the people on the frontline of plastic pollution. We pray to you, Lord, that you protect them from the diseases and flooding that come with plastic pollution and that they may find comfort in you. **The earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Aloha ke Akua.**

We pray that world leaders would act on plastic pollution, coming together to agree on an ambitious and binding plastics treaty. Give wisdom and soft hearts to those involved in the negotiations. We pray for each of the 20 million waste pickers around the world who do vital work. They collect plastics for recycling, and yet are often overlooked and underpaid. Let their voices be heard and their human rights and livelihoods protected. Oh, God, help us not to throw away opportunities to care for your creation. **The earth is yours, and everything in it, the world and all who live in it. Aloha ke Akua.**

We pray for the global church, for all the communities and people affected by plastic pollution, that you may keep them close to you. Help us to restore and care for this beautiful earth you blessed us with.  
**Amen!**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(You may be seated.)*

### **INVITATION TO GENEROSITY**

Let us pray together.

**All good gifts come from you, dear Creator, and from these blessings we bring this offering. Because every offering matters, no matter how small. Help us to use it to extend your love and grace to all creation. For the benefit of those in need. Help us to be generous givers, dear God, both of our money and our lives, that we might make a difference in this island and the world. Amen!**

*(Scan **VRC** card located on pew and place in the contribution bowls or scan this QR code below.)*



### **OFFERING HYMN**

#### **"OVER THE RAINBOW" (INSTRUMENTAL)**

The CBTS Worship Band

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### **BLESSING OF GIFTS**

# WE PARTAKE OF THE MEAL

## COMMUNION

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

### PARTAKE OF COMMUNION

*If you choose not to receive communion you are invited forward to receive a blessing, keep your hands folded across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing only. Baptized children and youth are welcome to the table to commune or receive a blessing. Parents are encouraged to determine their child's readiness to commune regularly and may request further guidance from the pastor.*

### COMMUNION SONG

#### **WHAT A WONDERFUL WORLD (INSTRUMENTAL)**

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### POST COMMUNION BLESSING *(Spoken to everyone after last person communes.)*

## WE ARE SENT

### BLESSING

**God bless you and keep you.  
God smile on you. Shine God's light upon you.  
The Creator lift you, turn God's face towards you.  
Give you God's peace, give you God's peace. Amen.**

### DISMISSAL

Christ calls you to be his disciples, to serve him with love and compassion, to serve Earth by caring for creation. Hold again the fragrant symbol in your fingers and go forth to serve.

**We will remember our planet home!  
We will groan with all creation!  
We will celebrate with Earth!**

Will you care for creation?

**We will care for creation!  
We will nurture our planet!  
We will celebrate life!**

### RING THE BELL

### POSTLUDE

"We Are The World"

CBTS Worship Band

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**WHAT WOULD JESUS DRINK? FRIDAY, MAY 3RD @ 6:30PM - YOUTH FUNDRAISER EVENT**  
A Beer and Cheese Pairing Fundraiser. Please park at Calvary by the Sea and you will be guided to the nearby event location. \$50.00 recommended donation. 21+ only / RSVP required. Connect with our friends Nate & Addie!



**JOIN US FOR DIALOGUE ABOUT ISRAELISM  
PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, MAY 5TH @ 8:30AM  
LOCATION: HALE ALOHA**

Pastor Moses will be facilitating a time of dialogue and conversation on Sunday May 5th @ 8:30am on the documentary film *ISRAELISM*.

**Please rent the movie online at [www.israelismfilm.com](http://www.israelismfilm.com)** before attending this important dialogue. This film speaks into the history of Israel and Palestine.

Our Ministry team will be cooking a free pancake breakfast to enhance the conversation. This is a learning opportunity to engage our grief for the atrocities happening in the Middle East. Sign-up @ the Welcome Center.



**FIRST COMMUNION CEREMONY  
SUNDAY, MAY 12TH**

Please join our children, teens and families as they celebrate their First Communion. What a beautiful opportunity to celebrate together the bread and the wine as one great big family? A special bread will be baked by our friend Mary Adams to commemorate this spiritual formation marker in the lives of our young people.

If you would like to give the students a lei in recognition of their special day, please feel free to do. We have nearly 15 children and teens participating in this special day!



**PENTECOST SUNDAY & OCEAN BAPTISMS  
SUNDAY, MAY 19TH**

Do you want to get baptized in water? If so, sign-up today at Welcome Center or online. Remember to wear red on this day as we remember the redness in the Spirit. Our worship will contain many languages.



**POTLUCK SOCIAL [SAVE-THE-DATE]  
SUNDAY, MAY 26TH (AFTER WORSHIP)**

Everyone is invited! Please sign-up @ The Welcome Center to bring something to share at the table. Our ministry team is preparing activities and will be providing some main protein options!

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