

Sermon Notes

Sunday, December 27, 2015

"Necessary Endings" • Ron Mathieu

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PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP TODAY

David Chang—Director of Ministry Support

Beebe Freitas—Organist

Alicia Takushi Andes—Cellist

Kanoe Cazimero—Hula Dancer

Mary Chesnut Hicks—Assisting in Leading Worship

Darryl Kan—Assisting in Worship

Mahiai Kekumu—Soloist

Ron Mathieu—Executive Coordinator

Marianna Meachen—Director of Care Ministries

Sue Sullivan—Assisting in Worship

Leon Williams—Assisting in Leading Worship

Sunday, December 27, 2015 • 8:00 AM & 9:30 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OF HONOLULU AT KO'OLAU

Worship

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRELUDE

Beebe Freitas, Organist

(Let us please take this time to quietly prepare our hearts for worship)

CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP & OPENING PRAYER Ron Mathieu

***PRAISE MEDLEY** (sung by all)

BE UNTO YOUR NAME

We are a moment, You are forever,

Lord of the ages, God before time.

We are a vapor, You are eternal,

Love everlasting, reigning on high!

Chorus— Holy, holy Lord God Almighty,

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain.

Highest praises honor and glory

Be unto Your name,

Be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the Healer,

Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.

You are the love song we'll sing forever,

Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

Chorus

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*congregation may stand

TEACH US WHAT WE YET MAY BE
God, who stretched the spangled heavens
Infinite in time and place,
Flung the suns in burning radiance
Through the silent fields of space,
We, Thy children, in Thy likeness,
Share inventive powers with Thee.
Great Creator, still creating,
Teach us what we yet may be.
As Thy new horizons beckon,
Father, give us strength to be
Children of creative purpose,
Serving all and honoring Thee,
'Til our dreams are rich with meaning—
Each endeavor Thy design—
Great Creator, lead us onward
'Til our work is one with Thine.

***MEET AND GREET**

PREPARATION FOR PRAYER (sung by all)

I WILL NEVER BE
I will never be the same again.
I can never return, I've closed the door.
I will walk the path, I'll run the race,
And I will never be the same again.
Chorus—Fall like fire, soak like rain.
Flow like mighty waters again and again.
Sweep away the darkness,
Burn away the chaff,
And let a flame burn to glorify Your name.
There are higher heights, there are deeper seas.
Whatever You need to do, Lord, do in me.
The glory of God fills my life
And I will never be the same again.
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Marianna Meachen—8:00 AM
David Chang—9:30 AM

**PRAYER FOR SHORT-TERM MISSION TEAMS TO
CAMBODIA AND THE PHILIPPINES**

EXPRESSING OUR GRATITUDE

MUSICAL OFFERING (sung by soloist) Mahiai Kekumu, Soloist
Kanoë Cazimero, Hula

KE ALOHA KALIKIMAKA
By Keola Donaghy

*This mele laments the fact that, like the eventual melting of the snow
on Haleakala, the "Christmas Spirit" fades after the holidays and people
return to their normal ways of being. Every day could be like Christmas,
If we wanted it to.*

***SONG OF THANKSGIVING** (sung by all)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL
(chorus only)

O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION Darryl Kan—8:00 AM
Sue Sullivan—9:30 AM

MESSAGE Ron Mathieu

"NECESSARY ENDINGS"

ECCLESIASTES 3:1-8
(Page 616 in the front half of the house Bible)

SONG OF RESPONSE (sung by soloist) Leon Williams, Soloist

I WILL FOLLOW CHRIST
*The twelve of you walked on the earth together,
The Father was a brother to you all.
The teaching that you heard was the Living Word,
The wonders and the miracles you saw.
There were times of awesome inspiration.
There were times you didn't understand.
When He had to go and you felt alone,
It must have been so hard to see His plan.
I think about the way you carried on.
In the face of persecution, you stood strong.*

*Chorus—I will follow Christ, I will run the race,
Fighting the good fight, standing on my faith.
I will wear the name of Jesus,
I will give Him all my life.
As for me no matter what the sacrifice,
I will follow Christ.*

*Now I don't have to look across the ages.
His voice is speaking in my heart today.
His word is like a flame consuming all my shame,
His light a shining star to show the way.*

Chorus
*I behold Your light
And see the man You want me to become,
Living like someone whose heart belongs to the Kingdom
That was sealed on Calvary.
I will show the world what I believe.*

Chorus
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***BLESSING**

***SONG OF BLESSING** (sung by all)

MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU
May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face;
May the rain fall softly on your field;
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.
Amen.

POSTLUDE

*Following the Song of Blessing,
please feel free to come forward for prayer.*