

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i

Online Worship, June 21, 2020

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric Anderson

Prelude: Le Tombeau de Couperin—Maurice Ravel

Kanako Okita

Call to Worship *based on Matthew 10:24-39*

Eric Tanouye

When Jesus sent his followers out to preach and teach and heal, he knew they would face stresses and opposition and danger. He urged them not to fear. The birds, he said, are known and treasured by their Creator. So too are each and every human being: “And even the hairs of your head are all counted,” he told them. As we encounter the risks of this world, we do so knowing that we are embraced by God in life and in death. As we declare God’s love, we are held in God’s love. In that embrace, let us come to God in worship.

Opening Prayer *based on Psalm 86:1-10*

Eric Tanouye

Leader: Let us pray:

All: Preserve my life, O God, for we are devoted to you. We trust in you. You are our God. We seek the grace for which we cry all day long. When we hear your voice, we are glad; when we perceive your grace, you lift up our souls. For you, O God, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Hear us in our worship; hear us in our prayer; hear us in our sorrow; hear us in our praise, for you alone are God. Amen.

Hymn: #451 Be Now My Vision

Scripture: Romans 6:1b-11

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died

with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Story and Meditation: Does Sin Die?

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Prayer

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Offering Call and Dedication

We are not sending ushers through the neighborhoods of Hilo to collect your gifts this morning, or any morning. We invite you to send your offering to support the spiritual, emotional, and physical ministries of this church in this time. Please mail your gifts to us at Church of the Holy Cross, 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i 96720.

Please pray with me:

What can we give to you, O God, that is not already yours? The ground beneath us you created. The furthest galaxy is your handiwork. Even our lives have their genesis in you. Made in your image, however, we too are makers. From our earnest labors we extend these gifts to you. From our grateful souls we offer as well our hearts. Amen.

Music: God of Grace and God of Glory –by Harry Emerson Fosdick & John Hughes

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Benediction:

Rev. Eric Anderson