

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship, August 9, 2020
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Be Still and Know that I am God – Mansfield

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: Lay based on Psalm 105

Stefan Tanouye

Leader: Give thanks to the LORD, call on God's name.

All: We will tell God's deeds to all the people.

Leader: Remember when there was famine in the lands of Egypt and Canaan.

All: We remember that Joseph had suffered slavery in Egypt long before.

Leader: Remember that God moved Pharaoh to free Joseph and more.

All: We remember that Joseph received authority over the empire.

Leader: God taught Joseph wisdom, and so the people were preserved.

All: May God teach us such wisdom as we praise the LORD in worship.

Invocation Prayer based on Psalm 85

Speak peace to us, O God. Speak peace to us as we come to you in our hearts, in our lives, and in our spirits. May your power to rescue and preserve be near us. Let your glory reside in our land! In you, O God, steadfast love and righteousness will meet.

Righteousness and peace will greet with tenderness. Bless us in this time of worship so that faithfulness will spring up from the ground and so that righteousness will look down from the sky. Amen.

Hymn #51 O Sing a Song of Bethlehem--Louis F. Benson

Eric Anderson
Doug Albertson

Scripture:

Stefan Tanouye

1 Kings 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and

breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Story/Sermon: In the Wind

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Pastoral Prayer

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Lord's Prayer in unison:

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 and ever. Amen.

Instrumental Anthem: Menuet Sue le Nom d'Haydn--Maurice Ravel

Kanako Okita

Call to Offering:

Stefan Tanouye

Once more we invite you to an offering. You cannot place your gifts in a calabash or a plate. Instead, they must make their way through the mail in an envelope sent to 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720, or as information on the Internet submitted at holycrosshilo.com/donate. However you send them, let them be gifts of the heart that extend your love and compassion to your neighbors and your friends, and also to the stranger on the far side of the world. Let us pray together:

Offertory Prayer in unison:

Gracious God, you are with us whatever the state of the wind or the sea. Bless these gifts we offer. May they be a lifeline to those at risk of drowning in the real and symbolic waters of the world. May your people find it easier to reach for your hand and be lifted to safety through these gifts. Amen.

Anthem: Cuando El Pobre --J. A. Olivar and Miguel Manzano

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Benediction

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Postlude: Good News – Paxton

Kayleen Yuda