

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Online Worship, October 4, 2020  
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Meditation on Asian Hymns (hymn tune from New Century Hymnal)

arr. Michael Springer  
Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *Psalm 19*

Stefan Tanouye

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; the depths of space echo with praise.

**All: In the day God's praise has speech; in the night pours forth the knowledge of glory.**

Leader: Though we may not hear the speech of the stars or the worship of the stones,

**All: Their voice goes out through all the earth and their words to the end of the universe.**

Leader: The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul, bringing wisdom, rejoicing the heart.

**All: Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable to our God, our rock and our redeemer.**

**Please join me in the Invocation:** *from Aotearoa / New Zealand*

**God of brilliant sunsets and shining rainbows,**

**God of golden daffodils and glowing autumn leaves,**

**God of all the blues of sunlit seas,**

**God of all the shades of green in bush and field,**

**in rivers and oceans and lakes,**

**in rough stones on a beach and polished jewels in a showcase,**

**God of people, brown and amber, pink and ebony,**

**artistic and athletic, practical and visionary,**

**compassionate and laughter-bringing,**

**God who colours us a world of variety,**

**We thank you that you have made each of us unique,**

**that you call us to contribute our special colours to the life around us.**

**We come to you in thanksgiving and worship. Amen.**

**Hymn Duet:** #402 De Colores – Mexican folk song

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture:**

Stefan Tanouye

Exodus 20:1-20

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

**Story/Sermon:** Yes, I Remember

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Pastoral Prayer**

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**Please join me in 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 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:** Furusato—Teiichi Okano arr. Shunichirou Genday

Kanakano Okita

**Call to Offering:**

Stefan Tanouye

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](http://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:

Please join me in the Offertory Prayer:

**You have filled the world with nourishment, O God. Our tongues and our bellies rejoice in your sustenance. Our eyes rejoice in your beauty. Our ears rejoice in your music. Most of all, our hearts and souls rejoice in the constant presence of your love. Accept our gifts, we pray, and may they nourish others just as we have been filled with your grace. Amen.**

**Anthem:** Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ by Fred Kaan and Doreen Potter

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

## Celebration of Holy Communion

**Invitation to Communion** (*from Germany*)

Leader: We rejoice in the God of life,  
who gives us bread:  
the fruit of the earth worked with human hands.  
and who makes it into the bread of life.

**People: We rejoice in the God of life**

**who gives us wine:**

**the fruit of the vine tended with daily care,  
and puts the flavor of the new world into it.**

Leader: As the wheat and grapes are joined on this table in bread and wine –  
into a visual symbol for us –

**People: May our church join together  
into a visual symbol for the entire world.**

**Words of Remembering** (*from Korea*)

Pastor:

Remember, the Lord, the friend of sinners,  
who were the oppressed, the estranged, the weak, the sick, widows, orphans.  
Remember, the Lord, the one disliking of the common structure and power.  
Remember, the Lord, the one sharing of daily food in life.  
Remember, the Lord, the one liberating from a dictator.  
We remember thy suffering, O Lord, at thy Last Supper.

**Prayer of Consecration** (*from Hilo*)

Pastor: On this World Communion Sunday, let us come to God for the breaking of the bread. Let

us pray:

**All: God of vast creation, God of heaven and earth, we thank you for the bread of life.**

Pastor: We recall the time when you preserved the children of Israel by leading them to Egypt, where your prophet Joseph had gathered grain.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is bread baked from wheat to keep us whole and sound.**

Pastor: We recall the time when they fled slavery into a barren land, and you fed them with your manna.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is rice, which nourishes so many hungry people every day.**

Pastor: We recall the time your people found a promised land, rejoicing in its plenty.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is banana bread, in which we taste the sweetness of life.**

Pastor: We recall the time when Israel received its law from you, a law that extended justice to the stranger and sojourner.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is tortilla, which is the bread of so many newcomers to our nation.**

Pastor: We recall the time when Israel was taken into exile, and they sought to worship you in a new land.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is ulu, breadfruit, which has nourished Polynesian peoples wherever they have traveled.**

Pastor: We recall that in your wisdom and mercy, O God, you have never left your people hungry when your Spirit might provide.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is poi from taro root, which keeps our bodies rooted in the land.**

Pastor: And we recall, O God, that when your people were starved for your Spirit, you sent us Jesus, to fill us and make us whole.

**All: There on our Communion table, O God, is an empty bowl, which reminds of the hungry we still yearn to feed, and reminds us of the love of Christ which fills our souls from depth to height.**

Pastor: We see these staples of life upon this shared Communion table, O God, and we see upon our own tables something distinct, something special, something meaningful, something that has nourished our families or ancestors or ourselves.

**All: May we be abundantly blessed in the memory and in the sharing of this meal that transcends time and place.**

Pastor: Bless our bread and cup, O God, and bless all that sustains us in body, mind, and spirit, for you are the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Spirit of Truth. Amen.

## **Sharing of the Elements** (*from South Africa*)

Pastor:

The ears of wheat are broken and scattered  
on the hillside to grow.

Gathered, they are broken again  
and scattered throughout the city to make bread.

The bread is scattered to each home  
and broken to make nourishment.

Broken and scattered, broken and scattered,  
and some becomes Christ's body broken for us  
as we are the people of God scattered through the city  
and, perhaps, broken to give nourishment to others.

**We receive this bread, broken, scattered, and made whole.**

*(Pause)*

**We drink this cup, thirsty, longing, willing to be poured.**

*(Pause)*

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**All: We thank you, O God, that we have celebrated together our communion with you in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Thank you for the worldwide gathering of the faithful about this table, and for our place in this great cloud of witnesses. Send us forth into the world in courage and in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Announcements**

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**Benediction**

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**Postlude:** Rigaudon Campra arr. Stephens

Kayleen Yuda

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## **Dates to Remember**

Today, October 4 — Trustees Meeting after worship in the Building of Faith

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Lay Reader:** Stefan Tanouye  
**Chapel Decorations:** Bob & Sue Smith  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Choir Director:** Doug Albertson  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy  
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**This week at the Church of the Holy Cross**

- **The Gathering Place** –Mondays: Pickleball at 12:00 p.m. in the Building of Faith.
- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:** Tuesdays, 3:00 pm via Zoom
- **On Line Song** -- Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** -- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online