

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Online Worship, October 25, 2020  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost  
All Saints Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Prelude on Sine Nomine—Lehenbauer Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8* Woody Kita

**Leader:** The saints have come to us; they have spoken to us. Let their words not be spoken in vain.

**All:** **May their courage in speaking the gospel of love be mirrored in us.**

**Leader:** Let us give thanks for those who brought good news without flattery or as a disguise for their greed.

**All:** **Though they sought no praise from us, we give our gratitude for them to God.**

**Leader:** They cared for us gently, like a mother nursing her children.

**All:** **Let us give thanks to God for the ones who cared so deeply for us, the ones we love so dearly in return.**

**Please join me in the Invocation:** *based Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17* Woody Kita

**You have been our home, you have made our home, you have dwelt in our home for generations, O God. Before the mountains rose from the sea, before the planets spun in the void, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. We mortals spring up like the grass and fade back into dust. We blossom and fruit, then return to the earth. As we give thanks for the saints who have fed us today, O God, we ask that you would prosper the work of our hands. O prosper the work of our hands! Amen.**

**Hymn Duet #295** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Eric Anderson  
Doug Albertson  
Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture**

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Woody Kita

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him,

“This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended. Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses. Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

**Story/Sermon:** Never Since

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**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**

**Hula Anthem:** How Great Thou Art performed by Mark Yamanaka

Genie Phillips  
Ki’ihele West

## *All Saints Day Candle Lighting*

Pastor: We remember those Members and Friends of the Church of the Holy Cross who have gone from our care to God's in the twelve months gone by.

**Chair of Deacons:**

Janet Fujioka

Margaret Mieko Fujimoto Gota  
Kaweo Kanoho  
Anita Louise Mathews  
Anita Nichols  
Dorothy Wong  
Cheryl Mae Tokihiro  
Julie Wilbur  
Pat M Askew  
Glenn Kuwaye  
Robert Fujimoto  
Charles Seikin Kamimura  
Yoshi Tsukayama  
Alice Fujimoto  
Lauren Waters  
Jeanette Akiko Maesaka  
George Shiroma  
Lefty Kawazoe  
Eva Cuelho  
Kenneth Earl Ditzler  
Naoto Katada  
Duke Boyd  
Rev. Dr. Avery Post

*As each name is read, the church bell will be tolled and a candle lit in remembrance of each person's life, and in thanks for their new life in Christ.*

**Pastor:** On this day, we remember others who have earlier gone from this life to the company of the saints. We light candle after candle as a reflection of the gifts they gave to us of love and joy and compassion. Across the screen you will see names appear, names we have received to share. As the light of the candles grows, we invite you to name in your home those whom you remember and honor. If you have a candle or candles available, light it or them now as well. Let these flickering flames be signs of our thanks to these saints and to God.

*The worship leaders light the additional candles.*

**Pastor:** Let us pray:

Holy One, the lives of all people are yours, the ones we have known and called saints, and the many more whom we have not known but you have welcomed as your own. May you rejoice in all your people, the living and the dead, for the love we and they bear for you and for one another.

May we all be lights of inspiration that this world may be aglow with compassion, alight with inspiration, and warm with aloha. Embrace us, one and all, with mercy and with love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Call to Offering:**

Woody Kita

We invite you to an offering. Let these 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. Please send them through the mail in an envelope sent to 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720, or give online at [holycrosshilo.com/donate](http://holycrosshilo.com/donate). Let us pray together:

**Offertory Prayer**

**You have made each of us unique, O God; not one is like another. You have called us, every one, to lives of grace and service. As we celebrate the lives of those who have meant so much to us, may we emulate them in our giving. With these offerings, may we become like them to someone else, a symbol of your love active in the world. Amen.**

**Anthem:** In the Bulb There is a Flower—Natalie Sleeth

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Rejoice, the Lord Is King – Darwall, arr. Whitworth

Kayleen Yuda

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## **Dates to Remember**

Sunday, November 1 — Communion during online worship

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

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Lay Reader:** Woody Kita

**Chapel Decorations:** Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miyake

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Choir Director:** Doug Albertson

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Movement Leader:** Genie Phillips

**Projected Imagery:** Sue Smith

**Web Master:** Ruth Niino-DuPonte

## **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
- **Online Song** -- Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** -- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online