

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship, November 15, 2020
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Open My Eyes That I May See—Scott--arr Whitworth

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *Matthew 25:14-30*

Barbara Iwami

Leader: Jesus told us a story about the prudence of investing.

All: Jesus told us about responsibly working and planning to make things grow.

Leader: Jesus told us a story about fear of failure.

All: Jesus told us about hiding resources away to hide them from loss.

Leader: Jesus told us a story, not about money, but about the realm of God.

All: In Jesus' story we learn that courage brings the wonders of the Holy Spirit. May the Holy Spirit be with us today as we worship God.

Please join me in the Invocation: *based on Psalm 123*

Barbara Iwami

To you we lift our eyes, O God, enthroned among the heavens! To you we lift our eyes, O God, whose grace is manifest in the Earth! Have mercy on us, O God, have mercy on us. We have had enough of struggle and contempt. We have had too much of scorn. Deliver our bodies and our souls, O Holy One, and give us health and joy. Amen.

Hymn Duet #436 God of Grace and God of Glory

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture:

Barbara Iwami

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at

Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.”

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Story/Sermon: Avoiding Surprise

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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

Instrumental Anthem: D.Kanalevsky Sonatine Op.13-2 1st movement in g-moll
Kanako Okita

Call to Offering:

Barbara Iwami

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, give online at holycrosshilo.com/donate. Let us pray together:

Offertory Prayer:

We would surprise you, O God – are you ever surprised? If you are, we would surprise you with our open hearts, with our generous spirits, with our gifts of love and compassion. Embrace us as we seek to live as you would have us live. Amen.

Anthem: Be Now My Vision

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Toccata-Chorale on “Slave”--Jordan

Kayleen Yuda

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Dates to Remember

Today, November 15 — Council meeting after worship

Sunday, November 22 – Deacons meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Lay Reader: Barbara Iwami

Chapel Decorations: Moira Tanaka

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

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Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

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This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:** Tuesdays, 3:00 pm via Zoom
- **Online Song --** Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert --** 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online