

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship, November 22, 2020
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Reign of Christ

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Prayer of Thanksgiving-Old Dutch melody arr, Stickles

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on based on Psalm 100*

Gloria Kobayashi

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

All: Sing, O winds, and clap, O waves, in praise of your maker.

Leader: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

All: With every morning we may be glad, for in every day we live in God's presence.

Leader: In your house, in your workplace, in the store, on the beach, give thanks to the LORD.

All: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

Please join me in the Invocation: *based on Matthew 25:31-46* Gloria Kobayashi

We gather to bless you, to thank you, and to worship you today, O God. May we bless you, thank you, and worship you in every day. May we feed you in the hungry. May we satisfy your thirst in those who are parched. May we clothe you in the naked and shelter you in the homeless. May we care for you in the sick. Thank you for being with us in those for whom we care. In this time, care for us, that we may be renewed to care for you in our neighbors once more tomorrow. Amen.

Hymn Duet #300 Jesus Shall Reign

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Gloria Kobayashi

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the

watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Story/Sermon: Gathered Sheep

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: Beethoven Piano Sonata No.1 Op.2-1 1st mvt in F-moll

Kanako Okita

Call to Offering:

Gloria Kobayashi

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. Let us pray together:

Offertory Prayer:

You have gathered us together in this time, O God, across the miles and even across the boundaries of time. You have gathered us together to bless us, and so we gather these gifts to give thanks for your blessings. We gather these gifts to bless others. We gather these gifts to bless you in our neighbors. Amen.

Anthem: The Church's One Foundation-- Samuel J. Stone and Samuel S. Wesley

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Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Come, Ye Thankful People-Tune: St. George's Windsor, arr. Stickles

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, November 22 – Deacons meeting after worship

Sunday, November 29 – Stewardship & Mission meeting via Zoom

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Chapel Decorations: Connie Yoshiyama

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

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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