

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship, April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Brother James' Air – Bain--arr, Jordan

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 133*

Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

All: How very good and pleasant it is to love one another and to be loved in return.

Leader: It is like precious oil on the head running down the face.

All: It is like Hilo rain falling on our upturned cheeks, refreshing our land and our spirit.

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountain of Zion.

All: It is like the dew that shines in the sun here on the mountains of Hawai'i. Praise the Lord!

Invocation: *Based on 1 John 1:1-2:2*

Jennifer Tanouye

You have revealed the splendor and the breadth of life, O God, in the words you have spoken to us and in the Word you shared with us. In this life you make our joy complete. May we move through life in the light of your love, and keep from the shadows of our selfishness and sin. May we be refreshed each time we falter by your forgiveness and led on in life by the light of your grace. Amen.

Hymn Duet #245: The Day of Resurrection

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Jennifer Tanouye

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Story/Sermon: Soft Shoulder

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: More Love to Thee--William H. Doane arr. Marianne Kim

Kanako Okita

Call to Offering

Jennifer Tanouye

We invite you to an offering. God has touched us in so many ways. God has given us the textures of tree trunk and cat fur and warm water and soft breeze. God has given us human arms to embrace us. And God has held us in our hearts. In these gifts, we extend that embrace to people near and far. Please send your offering through the mail in an envelope to 440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i, 96720, or give online at holycrosshilo.com/donate. Let us pray together:

Offertory Prayer:

Holy One, accept these gifts, offered from within your holy embrace. Accept these gifts, and may those who receive or employ them be also embraced by your love. Amen.

Vocal Anthem #242: The Strife is O'er

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

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Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Trumpet Dialogue Professional—Jordan

Kayleen Yuda

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The Day of Resurrection

John of Damascus, 8th century

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LANCASHIRE by Henry T. Smart, 1836

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The Strife is O'er

Latin c. 1695

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Dates to Remember

Today, April 11th –Council Meeting after worship via Zoom

Minister	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator	Woody Kita
Lay Reader	Jennifer Tanouye
Chapel Decorations	Michi Koizumi
Choir Accompanist	Kanako Okita
Choir Director	Doug Albertson
Organist	Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director	Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator	Evonne Shioshita
Movement Leader	Genie Phillips
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This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:** Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
- **Pickleball:** Mondays, 12 noon, Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Saturdays 1:00 p.m., Building of Faith
- **Online Song** – Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** -- 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online