

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: The King of Love, My Shepherd Is—St. Columbe (Irish hymn melody) arr. Whitworth
Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 98*

Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song. God has done marvelous things.

All: God has demonstrated grace in the sight of every nation.

Leader: God has shown steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All: All the ends of the earth have seen the triumph of our God.

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world, and those who live it,

All: For the LORD has come to embrace the earth with righteousness and equity.

Invocation: *based on 1 John 5:1-6*

Jennifer Tanouye

O God, you have made Jesus one of us, part of the family, and we know you love us as a good mother loves her children. As a mother does, you also make demands of us: that we echo your love by loving you and loving one another. So come to us in this hour, Spirit of Truth, to overcome the shadows of the world with the light of the sun sparkling from the waves. Amen.

Hymn #537: Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

Eric Anderson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Jennifer Tanouye

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Story/Sermon: Who God Loves

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: Debussy: Arabesque No.1

Kanako Okita

Call to Offering

We invite you to an offering. Jesus has summoned us to love one another. It doesn't get much clearer than that. With these gifts, we strive to love together as a community. With these gifts, we strive to love those around us in the wider community. 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

Jesus told us to love one another, O God, because that is what his friends do. May we be Jesus' friends today in these gifts, and tomorrow as these gifts serve our neighbors. May we be Jesus' friends tomorrow as we love one another. Amen.

Vocal Anthem #533: Children of God

Eric Anderson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Finale Jubilante--Willan

Kayleen Yuda

Permissions

Children of God

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier, 1848

Tune: WELWYN, Alfred Scott-Gatty, 1900

Public Domain

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

Text: Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893

Tune: INNOCENTS, The Parish Choir, 1850

Public Domain

Dates to Remember

Today, May 9 – Council Meeting after worship

Today, May 9 – Mother’s Day

Sunday, May 16 – Deacons meeting after worship

Sunday, May 16 – Trustees meeting after the Deacons meeting

Minister	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator	Woody Kita
Lay Reader	Jennifer Tanouye
Chapel Decorations	Laura Ota
Choir Accompanist	Kanako Okita
Choir Director	Doug Albertson
Organist	Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director	Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator	Evonne Shioshita
Movement Leader	Genie Phillips
Projected Imagery	Sue Smith
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Videographer	Eric Tanouye

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