

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Online Worship, May 16, 2021  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Easter Exultation—Michael Springer (Tune: Victory) Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 1* Bob Smith

Leader: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked.

**All: May we never follow the ways of evil or sit in the seat of scoffers.**

Leader: Happy are those who delight in the law of the LORD.

**All: May we meditate on God's will in the day and in the night.**

Leader: Then we shall be like trees planted by streams of water, roots digging down, limbs lifted up.

**All: May we bear fruit in our season amidst the green of the leaves. May our righteous efforts prosper.**

**Invocation:** *based on Acts 1:15-17, 21-26*

**Give us guidance, O God, as you gave to Jesus' disciples when he walked with them. Give us guidance, O God, as you gave the apostles when the Risen Christ instructed them. Give us guidance, O God, as you gave the church when you called Matthias to be a new apostle. Give us guidance in this time of worship, in our times of work, and in our quiet times of reflection. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Eric Anderson  
Doug Albertson  
Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture**

1 John 5:9-13

Bob Smith

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does

not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17:6-19

“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

**Story/Sermon:** Who Jesus Loves

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**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:** Sibelius: Sonnet from 6 Pieces, Op.94, No.3

Kanako Okita

**Call to Offering**

Bob Smith

We invite you to an offering. Jesus has shown the depth of God’s love for us, love greater than human rejection, than human abuse: love greater than death itself. Our love flows from the love of Christ, and flows the greater as we gather it together. These gifts are a portion of that love brought together in the Church of Jesus. 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](http://holycrosshilo.com/donate). Let us pray together:

**Offertory Prayer**

**Unite us, O God, in your love. Unite us, O God, in the Body of Christ. Unite us, O God, in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Unite our love, O God, as we share it in these gifts. Unite our love that we may be a great blessing to your world. Amen.**

**Vocal Anthem:** #304, All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Doug Albertson  
Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

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**Postlude:** Trumpet Finale – Albinoni, arr. Wolff

Kayleen Yuda

**Permissions:**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1747

Tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1855

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Text: Edward Perronet & John Rippon, 1787

Tune: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1793

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**Dates to Remember**

Today, May 16 – Deacons meeting after worship

Today, May 16 – Trustees meeting after Deacons meeting

**Announcement**

Pastor Eric will be on vacation starting May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and will return to his office on Tuesday, June 1, 2021.

**Minister**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator**

Woody Kita

**Lay Reader**

Bob Smith

**Chapel Decorations**

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

**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:** Resumes Tuesday, June 1, 2021 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** – Resumes Wednesday, June 2, 2021 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** – Resumes June 11, 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online