

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i

Online Worship June 13, 2021

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Allegretto—Handel, arr. Russell

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 20*

Nalyn Ang

Leader: May the LORD answer you on the day of trouble! May the name of the God of Jacob protect you!

**All: May God send help from the depths of holiness, from the high places and the deeps.**

Leader: May God remember the offerings of your hearts, the generosity of your spirits.

**All: May God remember our hearts' longings and fulfill the plans for blessing we have made.**

Leader: May we shout for joy in our deliverance, and wave our banners in praise of our God.

**All: Now we know that the LORD will help those whom God created. God will answer from heights and depths with victory and healing.**

**Invocation:** *based on Ezekiel 17:22-24*

Nalyn Ang

**In the deeps of time you planted the seeds upon the mountains, O God. In the deeps of time you raised the islands from the seas. In the deeps of time you saw what you had planted sprout and grow. In the deeps of time you saw the stems and boughs and fruit. In these our times, plant your seeds of mercy in us, O God, to grow in strength of spirit and provide comfort to those who need shelter as birds beneath the branches. May we flourish, O God, to your glory. Amen.**

**Hymn #351:** I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture:**

Nalyn Ang

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

**Story/Sermon:** Growing Things

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:** Piano sonata Op.49 No.2, 1st mvt - Beethoven

Kanako Okita

**Call to Offering:**

Nalyn Ang

We invite you to an offering. We did not come into the world in our fullness; we came into the world as infants, unable to care for ourselves, unable to speak with words. We grew. We grew into the people we are now. We may not have arrived at our fullness, but we have come to a space in our lives where we can share what we have for the blessing of others and in praise of our God. 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**

**To you, O God, we present these gifts. To you, O God, we turn for mercy. For you, O God, we bring to our neighbors. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Vocal Anthem:** We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Allegro Moderato—Handel, arr. Russell

Kayleen Yuda

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### Dates to Remember

Today, June 13 – Council meeting after worship in the Building of Faith

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Moderator</b>	Woody Kita
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Nalyn Ang
<b>Chapel Decorations</b>	Jennie Kondo
<b>Choir Accompanist</b>	Kanako Okita
<b>Choir Director</b>	Doug Albertson
<b>Organist</b>	Kayleen Yuda
<b>Hand Bell Director</b>	Anna Kennedy
<b>Childcare Coordinator</b>	Evonne Shioshita
<b>Movement Leader</b>	Genie Phillips
<b>Projected Imagery</b>	Sue Smith
<b>Web Master</b>	Ruth Niino-DuPonte
<b>Videographers</b>	Eric Tanouye, Jonathan Tanouye, Doug Albertson

### 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, Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m., Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Fridays, 2 p.m., Saturdays 1:00 p.m., Building of Faith—limited to 10 players
- **Online Song** – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online