

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i

Online Worship July 11, 2021  
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Theme and Two Variations – Pachelbel, arr. Hilf

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19*

Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: David brought the ark of the covenant, the tablets of the commandments, to the city of Jerusalem.

**All: David brought the ark of the covenant, but God had given the commandments, the covenant, and the blessing.**

Leader: David knew that the ark, the commandments, and the covenant were not his, but God's.

**All: The people shouted and sang, the trumpets called, and David danced in holy joy.**

Leader: Some might despise the joy, some might despise the exaltation, some might despise the music,

**All: But let none despise the covenant, the commandments, and the blessing of our God.**

Leader: Let us worship.

**Invocation:** *based on Psalm 85:8-13*

Jennifer Tanouye

**Let us hear what you would speak, O God. We pray that you will speak peace to us, for we draw near to you in our hearts and with our souls. We come to you in search of salvation, to be preserved from the dangers of the world and from the hazards of eternity. Here in this time let steadfast love and faithfulness meet. Let righteousness and peace kiss gently as they greet. Here we seek what is good from you, O God. Let righteousness go before you, making a path for your steps. Amen.**

**Hymn #580:** O Kou Aloha No

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture**

Jennifer Tanouye

Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’”

And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.” And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, “Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.” And he solemnly swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.” She went out and said to her mother, “What should I ask for?” She replied, “The head of John the baptizer.” Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, “I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter.” The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John’s head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Story/Sermon: Bad Days

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:** Improvisation Op.84-5--Faure

Kanako Okita

**Call to Offering:**

Jennifer Tanouye

Today we invite you to a special offering. In addition to your gifts to Church of the Holy Cross, please also contribute to Bread for the World. Bread for the World works to end hunger and malnutrition throughout the world. We have supported them through an annual bake sale; today we encourage you to add a special gift to this week's offering. Please note the amount of your gift that you would like to direct to Bread for the World – and do feel free to create your own baked goodies and enjoy them. 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:**

**The needs around us, O God, sometimes seem beyond our resources. They seem beyond our capacity. They seem beyond our generosity. By your infinite grace, accept the gifts we offer and let the feed the multitudes. Amen.**

**Vocal Anthem:** Once to Every Man and Nation

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Festal Fanfare --Nixon

Kayleen Yuda

**Permissions:**

O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer)

Text: Queen Lili'uokalani, 1893

Tune: LILIUOKALANI, Queen Lili'uokalani, 1893

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Once to Every Man and Nation

Text: James Russell Lowell, 1845

Tune: EBENEZER, Thomas John Williams, 1890

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## Dates to Remember

Today, July 11 – Dedication of Bread for the World

<b>Minister</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
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<b>Choir Director</b>	Doug Albertson
<b>Organist</b>	Kayleen Yuda
<b>Hand Bell Director</b>	Anna Kennedy
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