

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Online Worship July 18, 2021

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Jonathan Roach, Guest Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Jonathan Roach

Prelude: In This Holy Hour—Livingston, Jr.

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Gloria Kobayashi

One: Lord Jesus, we call upon you: Save us!

All: We are intimidated by what we see around us; distracted from your purpose; drowning in fear and doubt. Save us!

One: We are presumptuous about your will; thinking we are in control; we are masters of our own destiny; the best and brightest of all your creation. Save us!

All: We have hardened our hearts to the suffering of our siblings; feeding ourselves in the face of the injustice that holds them captive. Save us!

One: Lord Jesus, who knows our hearts, lift us from the crashing waves of our fear and doubt; give us the grace to humbly walk with you in faith, hope, and love. Thank you for saving us again!

Invocation

Gloria Kobayashi

All: Son of God the Creator, you walked upon the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of the storms of life. Empower us to recognize your presence, feel your hope, embrace your promise, reply upon your power, and receive your peace this day and for all the days and nights to come. Amen!

Hymn: Great is Your Faithfulness #423

Doug Albertson & Friends

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Gloria Kobayashi

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

Story/Sermon: Faith to Stay in the Sinking Boat

Rev. Jonathan Roach

Silent Prayers

Rev. Jonathan Roach

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jonathan Roach

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 Hob. XVI: 35 3rd mvt--Haydn

Kanako Okita

Call to Offering

Gloria Kobayashi

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace, mercy, and salvation. Therefore, let us freely bring our simple, small gifts of gratitude to him in faith that he can multiply them into something beyond our wildest dreams. 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:

Prayer of Dedication

All: We give thanks to you our Savior for your sustaining presence and grace during the storms of life. Receive our gifts and do what only you can do!

Vocal Anthem: We Shall Overcome

Doug Albertson & Friends

Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Roach

Benediction

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Postlude: Postlude in D Flat—F. von Flotow, arr. Blake

Kayleen Yuda

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Dates to Remember

Today, July 18 – Nominations Committee meeting after worship in the Building of Faith

Pastor	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Guest Pastor	Rev. Jonathan Roach
Moderator	Woody Kita
Lay Reader	Gloria Kobayashi
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Choir Director	Doug Albertson
Organist	Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director	Anna Kennedy
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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, 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** – 2nd and 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online