

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Online Worship July 25, 2021

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise – Welsh hymn tune, arr Jordan

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 14*

Cindy Debus

Leader: Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God."

All: Even those who believe in God do terrible things, ignoring what is good.

Leader: God looks around and around the earth to find any who are wise, who seek after good.

All: What will God see when looking at us? Will God see wisdom and truth?

Leader: Have they no knowledge, those who eat up people as if people were bread, and pretend it is right?

All: May deliverance come for the poor! Let the LORD be their refuge, and the fountain of their rejoicing.

Leader: Let us worship.

Invocation: *based on Psalm 145:10-18*

Cindy Debus

All your works praise you, O God, and in this time we add our voices to that chorus. We testify to the glory of your realm and the splendor of your power. Your dominion endures from one generation to the next, and on into the future. Uphold us in our falling, God. Raise us up when we are bowed down. Give food to your creation in due season, and satisfy the needs of every living thing. Be near to us as we call, O LORD, for we seek to call on you in truth. Amen.

Hymn #4: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Cindy Debus

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it

to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

John 6:1-21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Story/Sermon: Unoriginal

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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: Austrian Hymn—Newton

Paul Arceo, Trumpet
Kayleen Yuda, Piano

Call to Offering

Cindy Debus

From five loaves Jesus fed five thousand and filled twelve baskets beside. The grace of God lives also in our gifts, bringing them to the hungry in body, mind, and spirit, and satisfying beyond our expectations. 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

Accept these gifts, O God, and divide them. Divide them so that physical hungers are satisfied. Divide them so that spiritual hungers are met. Divide them so that your goodness is known. Divide them so that your will may be done. Amen.

Vocal Anthem: Take My Life, and Let It Be

Eric Anderson
Doug Albertson
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Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Trumpet Dialogue—Jordan

Paul Arceo, Trumpet
Kayleen Yuda, Piano

Permissions

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1907

Tune: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

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Take My Life, and Let It Be

Lyrics: Frances R. Havergal, 1873

Tune: Louis J. F Herold, 1839

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Dates to Remember

Sunday, August 1 – Trustees meeting after worship in the Building of Faith

Pastor

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator

Woody Kita

Lay Reader

Cindy Debus

Chapel Decorations

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Kanako Okita

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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