

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i

Online Worship August 1, 2021

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Berceuse—Ilyinsky

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on John 6:24-35*

Nalyn Ang

Leader: Jesus warned the crowd to seek something more than bread for the body.

All: **May we, in this hour, receive nourishment for the soul.**

Leader: Jesus told the crowd to believe in the living presence of God.

All: **May we, in this hour, renew our faith in Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Jesus reminded the crowd that all bread and all blessings come from God.

All: **May we, in this hour, receive the bread of life.**

Invocation: *based on Ephesians 4:1-16*

Nalyn Ang

We would be worthy of the calling to which you have called us, O God. We would be gentle, humble, patient, and loving. We would make every effort to build the unity of the Spirit through connections of peace, grateful for the measure of Christ's gift that you have shared with us in grace. In one body, one Spirit, one baptism, and one faith, we come now to worship the one Messiah and Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #349: I Come with Joy

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Nalyn Ang

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Psalm 78:23-29

Yet he commanded the skies above,
and opened the doors of heaven;
he rained down on them manna to eat,
and gave them the grain of heaven.
Mortals ate of the bread of angels;
he sent them food in abundance.
He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens,
and by his power he led out the south wind;
he rained flesh upon them like dust,
winged birds like the sand of the seas;
he let them fall within their camp,
all around their dwellings.
And they ate and were well filled,
for he gave them what they craved.

Story/Sermon: Heaven’s Bread

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 No.8 KV 310 in A minor, (1st mvmt.)-- Mozart
Kanakano Okita

Call to Offering:

Nalyn Ang

The people didn’t recognize the gift of God for what it was. Manna did not look like bread. Your gifts may not be immediately recognized, either, as they take new forms in service to God and God’s people – but they are your gifts, and God’s gifts, for the building up of Christ’s community

of love. 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:

May these gifts feed your people, O God. May they feed them bread. May they feed them spirit. May they feed them hope. Amen.

Vocal Anthem: One Bread, One Body

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Service of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion

We invite you, though this meal
is far more than any of us can understand.

We welcome you, whether you are tied to us
via a communications cable
or you are as wireless as the Holy Spirit.

We want to offer you this good news,
whether you long for church
or have been damaged
by some church-experience in the past.

This is Communion. We don't deserve it;
we don't define it; we don't own it;
but it is the greatest gift we have to give
and we want to share it with you.

Prayer of Remembrance and Consecration

Let us pray:

Christ, at our table we remember.
We remember your "tabling"
at Martha's kitchen and the beach fish-fry,
at homes of the self-righteous
or the disrespected.

We remember a wedding made more festive
and we pray for every human relationship.

(pause)

We remember loaves and fish
and pray for places where there is no food.

(pause)

We remember Passover, when you washed feet,
shared bread with a betrayer, and sang a hymn,
and we pray for all who need to learn
how to serve or be served,
how to turn away from temptation
or open up to a song
not only vocalized but heart music.

(pause)

We remember all tables,
from cathedrals to campgrounds —
where your children have gathered
to eat bread or tortilla, rice cake or cassava,
and we lift into your love
five-star churches
and down-on-their-luck holy-diners.

(pause)

We communion the remembrance of saints
in all times and places,
and lift before you
those we have loved from the past,
our saints who need healing, comfort for loss,
guidance in decisions, peace in living,
and many others in whom the yeast has not yet risen,
though they may feel punched down.

(pause)

Christ, yours is the grain and yours the grape,
yours is the leaven and the love.
Rest your Spirit on this place
of prayer and party, in-person and online,
shine your blessing on every face,
now and whenever food is offered.

This is the feast your heart rehearsed,
eating this bread we break each curse,
drinking this cup, we do not thirst. Amen

Sharing of the Elements

Leader: The Bread on our tables is blessed and broken.

Unison: **Sharing love, we will never be hungry.**

(Eat the bread)

Leader: The Cup on our tables is blessed and shared
like the overflowing of tears and joy.

Unison: **Even a sip is drinking deeply.**

(Drink from the cup)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give you thanks, O Christ, for gathering us at all our tables for word of life and sacred banquet. As we part from one another with the leftovers of your love, turn our being fed and blessed into holy takeout, as we share all we have received, slowly, sweetly and surely with all of your children. Amen.

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Fanfare – Lemmens

Kayleen Yuda

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Dates to Remember

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

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| Pastor | Rev. Eric S. Anderson |
| Moderator | Woody Kita |
| Lay Reader | Nalyn Ang |
| Chapel Decorations | Anne Sadayasu |
| Choir Accompanist | Kanako Okita |
| 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., Saturdays 1:00 p.m., Sundays 1:30 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