

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Online Worship September 19, 2021  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** On Wings of Morn—Nolte

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 1*

Gloria Kobayashi

Leader: “Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,” wrote the Psalmist,

**All: But if we were pushed, we would think that wickedness looks more fun.**

Leader: Those who delight in God’s law are like trees planted by streams of water,

**All: But it is the greedy and the unscrupulous who soak up all the resources of Earth.**

Leader: “Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,” wrote the Psalmist.

**All: Our earnest prayer is that God will watch over the way of the righteous, and persuade sinners to follow the ways of life and peace.**

**Invocation:** *based on Jeremiah 11:18-20*

Gloria Kobayashi

**Sometimes it seems like we are the lambs led to slaughter, O God, subject to the greed and arrogance and power of people who devise schemes against us and against those you love.**

**May we endure the carelessness and cluelessness and callousness of those whose actions harm. O God who judges righteously, weigh the hearts and minds of your people, and raise up kindness, truth, and peace. Amen.**

**Hymn #539:** Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant?

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture:** Psalm 54

Gloria Kobayashi

Save me, O God, by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

Hear my prayer, O God;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

For the insolent have risen against me,  
the ruthless seek my life;  
they do not set God before them.

But surely, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.  
He will repay my enemies for their evil.  
In your faithfulness, put an end to them.  
With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.  
For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

**Story/Sermon:** Greatest

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:** Liszt - Consolation No.3

Kanako Okita

**Call to Offering:**

Gloria Kobayashi

Greatness, to many before Jesus, to many after Jesus, but most of all to Jesus himself, is compassionate action on behalf of God, God's people, and God's creation. This is one moment in which you can express your compassion with a gift to the Church of Jesus Christ. 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**

**Gracious God, in these gifts we offer some of our love for you. Let your love magnify what we have shared, so that our hearts are held firmly in your mercy, and so that our neighbors are lifted up through these gifts. Amen.**

**Vocal Anthem:** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Eric Anderson  
Doug Albertson  
Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken—Hughes, Tune: “Austria” Haydn  
Kayleen Yuda

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by Richard Gillard

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Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

Tune: BEACH SPRING, 1844

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### **Dates to Remember**

Today, September 19 – Deacons Meeting after worship in the Building of Faith

**Pastor**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator**

Woody Kita

**Lay Reader**

Gloria Kobayashi

**Chapel Decorations**

Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye & Kyle Nakayama

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Kanako Okita

**Choir Director**

Doug Albertson

**Organist**

Kayleen Yuda

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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., Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m., Thursdays, 8:30 a.m., Saturdays 12:00 p.m., Sundays 1:30 p.m. Building of Faith—limited to 10 attendees
- **Online Song** – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. online
- **Community Concert** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online