

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Online Worship, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Rock of Ages—Thomas Hastings, arr. Hugh Livingston, Jr., based on Gethsemane
Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Philippians 3:17-4:1*

Cindy Debus

Leader: Whose life and work can we use as a model for our own?

All: Some live as if there were no reason to love, others act in righteousness.

Leader: Greed and cruelty lead only to destruction.

All: The glory of earthly might fades quickly, and its flavor turns to ashes.

Leader: May God transform us from what we are into what we might be.

All: We will renew our faith in God this day in worship.

Invocation: *based on Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*

Cindy Debus

Even Abraham, O God, looked for a sign from you. Sometimes you fulfill your promises swiftly, but sometimes they take years to grow and blossom. Our brief lives encourage our impatience, but so does our hunger: our hunger for justice, our hunger for righteousness, our hunger for peace. Receive our worship today, O God, and in our impatience, we ask that you send your promises soon. Amen.

Hymn #446: Jesus, Still Lead On

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Scripture

Cindy Debus

Psalm 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When evildoers assail me

to devour my flesh—

my adversaries and foes—

they shall stumble and fall.

Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.
One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
"Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.
Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.
I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Story/Sermon: That Fox

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: Meditation Op.75 No.5--Joachim Raff Kanako Okita

Call to Offering

Cindy Debus

Let us continue on our way through the world, the way to which we have been summoned by Jesus, the way on which we are accompanied by the Holy Spirit. On that way, we offer our gifts for the health of bodies and souls near and far. 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 from your own, O God, for we are your people. Accept these gifts for yourself, O God, for we honor you in them. Accept these gifts for your own, O God, for all people are your people, and in these gifts may they know your love. Amen.

Vocal Anthem: #303 Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

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Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Jubilate—John Johnson

Kayleen Yuda

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Jubilate—John Johnson

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Dates to Remember

Today, March 13 – Council meeting after worship

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- **Pickleball:** Wednesdays, 2:00 p.m., Saturdays 1:30 p.m., Sundays 1:30 p.m. Building of Faith—limited to 10 attendees
- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:** Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.
- **Online Song** – Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. online.
- **Community Concert** – 2nd and 4th Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online.