

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship, April 24, 2022  
Second Sunday of Easter

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** La Tromba-F. Couperin, arr. E. Power Biggs

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:** *based on Psalm 150*

Nalyn Ang

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in this sanctuary! Praise God across the world!

**People: Here we are to praise the LORD for goodness, mercy, and life.**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in this sanctuary! Praise God across the world!

**People: We praise God with the trumpet sound! We praise God with strings and pipes!**

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise God in this sanctuary! Praise God across the world!

**People: Let everything that breathes praise the LORD!**

**Invocation:** *based on Acts 5:27-32*

Nalyn Ang

**Rulers centuries ago tried to silence Jesus by hanging him on a tree, O God. They failed. You exalted him as Savior and Redeemer, that through him we might confess our sins and find forgiveness. We are the heirs of Jesus' witnesses, those who saw him and believed, those who believed and proclaimed, those who proclaimed and repeated down the generations. Bless us in this time with the Holy Spirit, O God, to declare your grace and redemption once again. Amen.**

**Hymn Duet with Movement #230:** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Scripture**

Nalyn Ang

Psalm 118:14-29

The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;  
the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the LORD.  
The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.  
Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.  
This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.  
I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.  
The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!  
<sup>2</sup>Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
The LORD is God,  
and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.  
O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

### John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Story/Sermon:** Do We Believe It Yet?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Movement Prayer and 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:** Holy, Holy, Holy—Robert Hughes

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Offering**

Nalyn Ang

Jesus' life is our gift, our heritage, and the inheritance we pass on to those who follow. Compared to the grace of God in Jesus' life, all other things are of far less worth. They do make a difference, though, in the lives of people whose hopes are shaky, whose roofs are tattered, whose prospects are dim. Whether you have placed your offering in the calabash in the church today, or have given online, or will send your offering to the address on the screen, you are extending the gift of Jesus' love in ways that make a difference. Let us pray together:

**Offertory Prayer**

Nalyn Ang

**With these gifts, O God, we extend the hand of Jesus. By these offerings may Christ's love be manifest in the lives of our neighbors and of distant strangers. By these offerings may we be the body of Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn Duet and Movement #242:** The Strife Is O'er

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Festival Postlude—Domenico Zipoli

Kayleen Yuda

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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** - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 p.m. online.

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