

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship, May 8, 2022
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Good Shepherd Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: They'll Know we are Christians by Our Love—Peter Scholtes

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Revelation 7:9-17*

Barbara Iwami

Leader: In a vision, the prophet saw the multitudes gathered from every nation.

People: They shouted together, "Salvation comes from God and from the Lamb!"

Leader: Angels and elders and marvelous beasts joined the people in their praise of God.

People: They sang, "Amen! Blessing and honor and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever!"

Leader: The people of the vision are those who will hunger and thirst no more.

People: The Lamb will be their shepherd, to guide them to the springs of life, and wipe every tear from their eyes.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Invocation: *based on Psalm 23*

Barbara Iwami

O God, be our shepherd, that we may not fall into want. From our green pastures lead us to still waters. In all places restore our souls. Lead us in the paths of righteousness for the sake of your name. When we walk through deep, dark valleys, be with us so that we fear no evil. Let your shepherd's staff give comfort to our hearts. Prepare a table before us despite the presence of our enemies. Anoint us with goodness; pour our cup to overflowing. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives. May we then live in your house forever. Amen.

Hymn Duet with Movement #479: God Is My Shepherd Eric Anderson
Doug Albertson
Movement led by Genie Phillips

Time with the Children

Instrumental Anthem: Sibelius - Pastorale Op.46-5 Kanako Okita

Scripture Barbara Iwami

Acts 9:36-43

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

John 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Sermon: Like Jesus 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

Call to Offering Barbara Iwami

When Simon Peter came to the house, Tabitha's friends showed him things that she had made, things that were important to them, things she had given them. Their tears showed

just how much she had touched their lives. Your gifts here also touch lives, some lives that you will see, and some lives that are far away. Be assured that your offering brings tears of gratitude to many, and especially to God. Whether you share your gift here in the church today, through a gift online, or via an envelope in the mail, know that you make a difference. Let the offering now be received.

Offertory: Fughetta—Gottlieb Muffat

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost – Amen**

Offertory Prayer

Barbara Iwami

As you have gathered us into your people, O God, accept these gathered offerings. With them make lives anew. Amen.

Hymn Duet and Movement #301: Crown with Your Richest Crowns

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Marche Heroique—Wm. Stickles

Kayleen Yuda

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- **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.

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