

**Installation Service of
Rev. Jonathan C. Roach, Ph.D.**

Associate Conference Minister on Hawai'i Island
Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ

June 14, 2021

Ringling of the Bell

Enye Grace Roach
Church of the Holy Cross

Prelude: Improvisation on "Simple Gifts"

Kayleen Yuda
Church of the Holy Cross

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Church of the Holy Cross,
Chair of Hawai'i Conference,
United Church of Christ Council

Call to Worship

Rev. Jihey Esther Roach, BCC
Bereavement Care,
Hawai'i Care Choices

One: Whether we embrace God's call in our lives or try to avoid it,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: Whether we are old-timers or newbies to the life of faith and church,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love.

One: Whether our lives in Christ are comfortable or bring us hardship and questions,

All: God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in love. From generation to generation, mai kēia hanauna a ia hanauna aku, we declare the mighty acts of the living God with our praise.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen! Amen!

Hoonani ka Makua, ke Keiki, me ka 'Uhane pu
Me ia iki no i, a no a mau loa, ike ao pau ole. A-mene, Amene!

Invocation

Mace Peng
Church of the Holy Cross

All: Gracious God, your word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our ways of seeing and thinking. Come to us today, as you came to our ancestors, generation to generation, and wherever we are, in whatever condition we exist, we pray that by the living power of your Spirit: cause us to bloom, to give fruit, to grow, to flourish! Dig us up, transplant us, trim us, do what is necessary to us so that we can accept the responsibilities of what our ancestors have given us. And empower us to pass it on to the next generation thriving and living your vision for us. Amen!

Opening Hymn O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer) #580

Psalm 145:1-13

Rev. Larry Walter
Chair Committee on Ministry, for
Hawai'i Island Association,
Interim Minister of Hilo Coast,
United Church of Christ, Honomu

I lift you high in praise, my God, O my King!
and I'll bless your name into eternity.

I'll bless you every day,
and keep it up from now to eternity.

God is magnificent; he can never be praised enough.
There are no boundaries to his greatness.

Generation after generation stands in awe of your work;
each one tells stories of your mighty acts.

Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking;
I compose songs on your wonders.

Your marvelous doings are headline news;
I could write a book full of the details of your greatness.

The fame of your goodness spreads across the country;
your righteousness is on everyone's lips.

God is all mercy and grace—
not quick to anger, is rich in love.

God is good to one and all;
everything he does is soaked through with grace.

Creation and creatures applaud you, God;
your holy people bless you.

They talk about the glories of your rule,
they exclaim over your splendor,

Letting the world know of your power for good,
the lavish splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is a kingdom eternal;
you never get voted out of office.

God always does what he says,
and is gracious in everything he does. (*The Message*)

Offering

Frank Mulec, Deacon,
‘Opihikao Congregational Church,
Treasurer of Hawai‘i Island
Association, Treasurer of State
Council of Hawaiian Congregational
Churches

Ka ‘Ōlelo Pili I Ka Lūlū, *Call for Offertory Sentence* –

We are surrounded by Earth’s gifts of beauty, diversity, and power. The earth belongs to God alone. We are called to be stewards and caretakers of our amazing and fragile world. Let us offer back our gifts of money, talents, and of service to our ongoing shared work with our Creator.

Aiken Drum (Scottish Folk Song)

Kayleen Yuda, piano
Corey Maesaka, saxophone

Pule I Ka Lūlū, *Offertory Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication*

Frank Mulec

God of Grace and God of Glory, we mahalo you for water, soil, and air, for every part of nature is connected. Every moment of time is presented with new creation, giving thanks for the gifts of God’s creation. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. Every gift we receive comes from you. We return this offering to you in wonder and gratitude to nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen

Doxology

Hoonani i ka Makua Mau, Ke keiki me ka ‘Uhane no
Ke Akua mau hoomaikai pu, Ko keia ao, ko kela ao. Amene

Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 1:9-18

Ku'ulei Hughes-Okada,
Deacon, Haili Church

So Hannah ate. Then she pulled herself together, slipped away quietly, and entered the sanctuary. The priest Eli was on duty at the entrance to God's Temple in the customary seat. Crushed in soul, Hannah prayed to God and cried and cried—inconsolably. Then she made a vow:

Oh, God-of-the-Angel-Armies,
If you'll take a good, hard look at my pain,
If you'll quit neglecting me and go into action for me
By giving me a son,
I'll give him completely, unreservedly to you.
I'll set him apart for a life of holy discipline.

It so happened that as she continued in prayer before God, Eli was watching her closely. Hannah was praying in her heart, silently. Her lips moved, but no sound was heard. Eli jumped to the conclusion that she was drunk. He approached her and said, "You're drunk! How long do you plan to keep this up? Sober up, woman!"

Hannah said, "Oh no, sir—please! I'm a woman brokenhearted. I haven't been drinking. Not a drop of wine or beer. The only thing I've been pouring out is my heart, pouring it out to God. Don't for a minute think I'm a bad woman. It's because I'm so desperately unhappy and in such pain that I've stayed here so long."

Eli answered her, "Go in peace. And may the God of Israel give you what you have asked of him."

"Think well of me—and pray for me!" she said and went her way. Then she ate heartily, her face radiant. (*The Message*)

Special Music: Standing in the Need of Prayer

Rev. Pressley Sutherland

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

Rev. Bektir Labin
Pastor Waikoloa Marshallese
Ministry

One of the religion scholars came up. Hearing the lively exchanges of question and answer and seeing how sharp Jesus was in his answers, he put in his question: "Which is most important of all the commandments?"

Jesus said, "The first in importance is, 'Listen, Israel: The Lord your God is one; so love the Lord God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence and energy.' And here is the second: 'Love others as well as you love yourself.' There is no other commandment that ranks with these."

The religion scholar said, "A wonderful answer, Teacher! So clear-cut and accurate—that God is one and there is no other. And loving him with all passion and intelligence and energy, and

loving others as well as you love yourself. Why, that's better than all offerings and sacrifices put together!"

When Jesus realized how insightful he was, he said, "You're almost there, right on the border of God's kingdom." After that, no one else dared ask a question. (*The Message*)

Reflection: Prayer, Promise, Prophecy: A Vocation of Vision

Rev. Dr. Charles Packer,
Pastor Pine Hill Congregational
Church, West Bloomfield, Michigan

Responsive Hymn: Sweet Hour of Prayer #506

Kayleen Yuda

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Kahu Debbie Wong Yuen,
Kauaha'ao Congregational
Church, Waiohinu

Service of Installation

Greeting

Mama Kahu Karen Welsh
Vice-President HIA,
Kalapana Maunakea
Congregational Church

The Hawai'i Island Association of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ, greets you in the name of Jesus the Christ, our Risen Savior, who is the head of the church in heaven and on earth. All are welcome here! From generation to generation: mai kēia hanauna a ia hanauna aku, we declare the mighty acts of the living God with our praise.

We are gathered here tonight, those of us who are here physically and those who are participating online, in the presence of our ancestors in the faith, that great cloud of witnesses of the saints who have walked this journey of life and faith before us, for this installation. Therefore, let us set aside our stress, our worries, our distractions, and focus upon our still-speaking God who is leading this church into the great unknown. Let us prepare our bodies, our minds, our hearts, and souls for this race that is set before us!

Each generation started their journey with a call. They started in a particular time and place with all their humanness: their failures, their trauma, their wounds, their pains, but they all started with the love of our living God and no matter where their pilgrimage took them, they walked with the promises of the faith towards that present and future reign of God. And likewise, we start this call tonight with the burden of history, the sounds of conflicts, and hope that is our God!

All: We look to Jesus! We look to the word of God. We look to our relational God: Creator, Savior, and Spirit! We remember our past, we see our present,

and we come with faith, hope, and love in anticipation of a future that is beyond us. Look around! God is good from generation to generation: mai kēia hanauna a ia hanauna aku, we declare the mighty acts of the living God with our praise.

Presentation

Mr. Elwood “Woody” Kita,
Chair Administration Missional
Team, Hawai‘i Conference,
Moderator of Church of the Holy
Cross

The Hawai‘i Conference, United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called Jonathan Chad Roach to serve as an associate conference minister and respectfully asks the Hawai‘i Island Association to install him in this ministry among us according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Larry Walter, Chair Committee
on Ministry for the Hawai‘i Island
Association and Interim Minister of
Hilo Coast, United Church of Christ,
Honolulu

The Hawai‘i Island Association has reviewed the request of the Hawai‘i Conference, United Church of Christ. We have prayerfully examined Jonathan, and we are pleased to install him as an associate conference minister. We invite Jonathan to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call of this office.

Installation is a responsibility of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with all the covenant partners. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among the local church, the association, the Conference, and the clergy. It is a sign that all these partners are dedicated to share the burdens and mission of this important work.

Exhortation

Kahu Sam Masilamoney
Kona Lanakila Congregational
Church

Covenant

Mama Kahu Karen Welsh

Dear friends, the Hawai‘i Conference, United Church of Christ, has declared that having gathered under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it has called Jonathan Roach to minister as an associate conference minister and that it now receives him as appointed by God for this ministry. The Hawai‘i Island Association has declared that he has met all the necessary conditions for installation into this office.

Jonathan, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that the Hawai‘i Conference, United Church of Christ, has been led to call you as an associate conference minister, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members

who are one in Christ with your home congregation, Church of the Holy Cross, and with us in the Hawai'i Island Association?

Rev. Jonathan Roach, Ph.D.

I am willing with the help of God, and I promise to serve this Conference faithfully and fulfill this office according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Mama Kahu Karen Welsh

Members of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ; members of Church of the Holy Cross; and members of the Hawai'i Island Association will you affirm this covenant?

All: We, the members of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ; members of Church of the Holy Cross; and members of the Hawai'i Island Association, affirm this covenant in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.

Prayer of Installation

Rev. Dr. David Popham,
Conference Minister, Hawai'i
Conference, UCC

Presentation of Gifts and Lei

Declaration

Rev. Larry Walter

In the name of Jesus Christ and on behalf of the Hawai'i Island Association of the Hawai'i Conference, United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as an associate conference minister of the Hawai'i Conference.

All: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: God be With You Till We Meet Again

God be with you, till we meet again; By his counsel guide, uphold you;
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you, till we meet again.
Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

Ke Akua pu ahui-hou ka-kou; Na-na eki-a'i a ko-ku-a
A ho'o-ma-lu ia ka-kou la; Ke Akua pu a hu-i hou ka-kou
Hu-i hou....hu-i hou, Ma ko Ie-su mau wa-wae
Hu-i hou....hu-i hou Ke Akua pu a hu-i hou ka-Kou!

Closing Prayer

Rev. Eric Anderson, Church of the
Holy Cross and Chair of Hawai'i
Conference, UCC

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Charles Packer, Pastor,
Pine Hill Congregational Church,
West Bloomfield, Michigan

Postlude: Jack was Every Inch a Sailor—Newfoundland Fold Song

Kayleen Yuda, piano
Corey Maesaka, saxophone

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Improvisation on Simple Gifts

Traditional, arr. Alice Jordan

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Gloria Patri

Lyric: Traditional

Tune: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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O Kou Aloha No

Lyric and Tune: Queen Lili'uokalani, 1893

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Aiken Drum

Traditional, arr. T. Campbell

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Doxology

Lyric: Thomas Ken, 1674

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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Standing in the Need of Prayer

African-American spiritual

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Sweet Hour of Prayer

Text: William Walford, 1845

Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1861

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God Be with You

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880

Tune: William G. Torner, 1880

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Jack was Every Inch a Sailor

Traditional, arr. James Curnow

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Mahalo Nui Loa:

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