

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship, August 8, 2022
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Take My Life, and Let it be Consecrated

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23*

Nalyn Ang

Leader: The Mighty One, the God of Creation, summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Our God comes and does not keep silence as a mighty tempest swirls about.

Leader: The heavens declare God's righteousness; God alone is judge.

People: May God find us faithful ones, keepers of God's covenant.

Leader: God speaks and declares, "Bring thanksgiving as your sacrifice to honor me."

People: We bring thanksgiving here. We seek the ways of righteousness as we come now to worship.

Invocation: *based on Genesis 15:1-6*

Nalyn Ang

If we look to the stars, O God, we see the shining light of your promises. As Abraham long ago, we perceive a precious future in the light that streams from the heavens. Find us assured in hope, O God; find us confident in trust. Reckon our faithfulness as righteousness in our worship today and our actions tomorrow. Amen.

Hymn Duet with Movement #24: Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise)

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Time with the Children

Presentation of Bibles

Instrumental Anthem: #330 Let Us Break Bread Together Kanako Okita

Scripture

Nalyn Ang

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, ‘as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.’

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

‘Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

‘Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

‘But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.’

Sermon: Faith and Promises

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please stand and 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

Nalyn Ang

The things of this world do not, cannot last. The eternal treasure is the love of God, shared freely with us. So let that be where we place our hearts. May our gifts today help prepare us and help welcome others into the love of God. Whether you share your gift here in the church today, through a gift online, or via an envelope in the mail, let the offering now be received.

Offertory: Trusting Thee—Edward Broughton

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

Nalyn Ang

You have given us your realm, O God, and for its fulfillment we pray, we work, and we wait. Accept these gifts presented to you as a symbol of the grateful hearts we offer here and always. Find us ready in this moment as we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn Duet #349: I Come with Joy

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Recessional in C—Lasky

Kayleen Yuda

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Recessional in C—Lasky

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