

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship, September 25, 2022

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Welcome:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Pastorale

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship: *based on Psalm 146*

Woody Kita

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD with all your soul!

People: **I will praise the LORD as long as I live. We will sing praises to our God all our lives long.**

Leader: Who among the leaders of the world is worthy of trust? What help comes from mortal beings?

People: **Their promises and their plans perish, settling into the dust of the earth.**

Leader: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, who made heaven and earth.

People: **God keeps faith forever, fosters justice, feeds the hungry, lifts up those bowed down.**

All: The LORD will reign forever. Let us worship God.

Invocation: *based on Luke 16:19-31*

O God, we have known both trial and triumph, both hardship and happiness. We have known many who suffer more than we, and we have known others whose fortunes far surpass our own. May we find your mercy for our failings, O God, and may we find your present help to heal us in our distresses. May we know your grace in its fullness, O God, as we take this time to worship you. Amen.

Hymn Duet with Movement: Beams of Heaven as I Go

Eric Anderson

Doug Albertson

Movement led by Genie Phillips

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Instrumental Anthem: Holy, Holy, Holy

Kayleen Yuda

Scripture

Woody Kita

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, 'Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it;

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours.' Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Psalms 91:1-6, 14-16

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress;
my God, in whom I trust.'
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence;
he will cover you with his pinions,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.
You will not fear the terror of the night,
or the arrow that flies by day,

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

Those who love me, I will deliver;
I will protect those who know my name.
When they call to me, I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble,
I will rescue them and honor them.
With long life I will satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.

Sermon: Field of Hope 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

Woody Kita

Clear skies bring us both pleasant warmth and scorching heat. Cloudy skies bring destructive floods and the water of life. In all Creation God's grace is present, whether the times be stressful or stress-free. May we, with all Creation, praise God with our offerings. 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: Canzona

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

Woody Kita

May this gift be a seed in our heart, O God, a seed of hope to grow into the blossom of confidence and the fruit of love. Amen.

Hymn Duet #475: God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

Eric Anderson
Doug Albertson

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: In Christ There is no East or West

Kayleen Yuda

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