

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship, May 28, 2023
Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Allegretto

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

***Please rise if you are able**

*** Call to Worship:** (based on 1 Corinthians 12:3-13) Jane Kawazoe

Leader: No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

People: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are varieties of services, but the same Lord.

Leader: We act in many ways, and it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

People: To each is given the revelation of the Spirit that serves the common good.

Leader: In the one Spirit we were baptized into one body, no matter our situation in life.

People: We have all sipped from the cup of the one Holy Spirit.

All: Praise to God!

*** Hymn #261:** Let Every Christian Pray (v. 1-3)

*** Invocation:** (based on Psalm 104:24-35) Jane Kawazoe

What variety there is in your works, O God! In your wisdom you have called forth such a range of living things. Within the sea live creatures so tiny we cannot make them out, and whales who leap into the air and, falling, send up mountains of spray. Send forth your spirit to all that you have made, O God, and rejoice in all your works. We sing your praise as long as we have life in you! Amen.

Please be seated

Anthem: Softly and Tenderly

Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children

Scripture

Jane Kawazoe

Numbers 11:24-30

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

Sermon: The Wrong Prophets

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

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

* **Hymn #270:** Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song (v. 1-3)

Call to Offering

Jane Kawazoe

The Holy Spirit has come to us and has called us to work that is unique to each one. What we share is the summons to labor for the common good of God’s church, God’s people, and God’s world. We invite you to share in giving toward that common good in this offering. 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: Oh, Had I Jubel’s Lyre

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**

Jane Kawazoe

Our gifts are not the same, O God, and our resources are not the same. Accept what we present today and unite our hearts in the commitment to serve you, your people, and your Creation. Amen.

*** Hymn #163: Many Are the Lightbeams (v. 1-5)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Allegro Maestoro

Kayleen Yuda

*** Please stand if you are able.**

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