

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Service of Worship, February 4, 2024  
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Break Thou the Bread of Life

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 147:1-11)

Nalyn Ang

**Leader:** Praise the LORD! How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**People:** **Our God is gracious, worthy of our songs of praise.**

**Leader:** God heals the brokenhearted and binds the wounds of those who suffer.

**People:** **God sets the number of the stars, giving each one the honor of a name.**

**Leader:** Great is our God, and abundant in power.

**People:** **God's understanding and God's mercy are beyond any measure.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #546:** Jesus, Lover of My Soul (v. 1-3)

\* **Invocation** (based on 1 Corinthians 9:16-23)

Nalyn Ang

**You have summoned us to proclaim good news, O God, and we have accepted your commission. You have offered it to us without charge or price; may we also share it without charge or price. Help us to share in such a way that we do not stand between your people and your grace. May we do all things for the sake of the gospel, and in so doing share in its blessings. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** Upwe Mwareituk Oh Kot (I Will Praise You Oh God) IYAA Singers

## Time with the Children

**Scripture:** Isaiah 40:21-31 Nalyn Ang

Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;  
who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.  
Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.  
To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?  
He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
'My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God'?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

**Sermon:** Let Us Go On

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**

**Call to Offering**

Nalyn Ang

Jesus made space for his own needs, and he made himself available to the needs of others. Today we have worshiped and God has come to our spirits. Let us now share with others, so that they, too, may be filled with grace. 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:** Offertory in D

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 fill our souls, O God, with your grace, your mercy, your healing, and your love.  
Accept the gifts we present to you in this moment. May they, in your hands, bring  
grace, mercy, healing, and love to souls near and far. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-3)**

## **Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Invitation**

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup**

**Sharing the Bread and Cup**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**\* Hymn #551: Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v. 1-4)**

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude: His Name is Wonderful by Audrey Meier**

Kayleen Yuda

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Today: February 4—Trustees Meeting

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