

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship, February 18, 2024

First Sunday in Lent

Henry 'Opukaha'ia Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 25:1-10)

Barbara Iwami

Leader: To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls. In you we place our trust.

People: **Do not let us be put to shame or suffer the exultation of our enemies.**

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O LORD. Teach us your paths.

People: **Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.**

Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love.

People: **Remember us according to your steadfast love for the sake of your goodness, O God.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #211:** Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days (v. 1-4)

* **Please join me in the Invocation:**

Barbara Iwami

(From the Hawai'i Conference Liturgy for Henry 'Opukaha'ia Sunday)

Leader: Almighty God, who in old time and our time guided our ships across stormy seas to safe harbor, we bless you that in your divine Providence you did lead the little ship, *Triumph*, from the islands of Hawai'i to the distant shores of New England, where 'Ōpūkaha'ia found a new haven, a new home, and a new hope.

People: E ka'i mai iā kākou, e ka Haku; ka'i mai iā kākou i loko Kou pono.

Leader: O Thou who are the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea, cast, we pray you, a gracious eye upon us who are still in our dangerous voyage of life; strengthen us in our time of storm and trial; help us to endure patiently the troubles that come to us and, by your grace, enable us to win some victory here; guard us against carelessness, cowardice, and fear; give us confident and courageous hearts, as all true saints have had in you; and grant that, in the end, we may bring our vessels triumphantly to our desired haven, under your heavenly guidance and protection.

People: Moakāka Kou nohona i mua o ko kākou alo.

Leader: We give thanks unto you, O Lord, for the people of New England, who welcomed this boy, cast adrift among them, not as a stranger, but as a son, a brother, and a friend; we bless you for those who taught him what they knew of good and God and prayed that he might come to know it too; for those in that cold country who had the warm spirit of aloha in their lives, though they knew not the word;

People: 'O ke aloha, mai ho'okamani ia; e ho'owahawaha i ka 'ino, e ho'opili aku i ka maika'i; e launa aku ho'i kekahi, ma ke aloha hoahānau, e ho'opakele aku kekahi i kekahi ma ka ho'omaika'i 'ana. (Romans 12:9, 10)

Leader: For all who see companionship and kindness in our common life today; for the hand of welcome held out to stranger and to neighbor; for the good word spoken, the truth taught and the Good News preached; for ordinary people who have served thee with extraordinary devotion; for all those who have entertained angels or served your purposes unaware; we praise thy name and bless you, O Lord, our God.

People: Ho'ā'o ia kakou e hau'oli no ka mana'olana, e ho'oومانawanui i ka pōpilikia, e ho'omau ana ma ka pule, e hā'awi aku no ka nele o nā haipule; e ho'okipa nō. (Romans 12:12, 13)

Leader: For the quick mind and the sensitive spirit of this your island boy; for his devotion to his country and his people; for his steadfast love of learning and his sense of purpose; for his hope to take the Gospel to Hawai'i, and for his eagerness to be about his God's business, we give you thanks, O Lord.

People: Inā he mea hiki, ma kahi e hiki ai 'oukou, e ku'ikahi 'oukou me nā kānaka apau; e ao o lanakila ka hewa ma luna ou, akā, e ho'olanakila i ka pono ma luna o ka hewa. (Romans 12:18, 21)

Leader: For the mission that arose from the life and death of Henry 'Ōpūkaha'ia; for the gallant company who cared enough for others and for you to go to Hawai'i because he could not go; for those who cared enough to give though they could not go; for the people of the islands who received with gladness the tidings of great joy and with aloha the ones who brought the light of the Gospel to them; and for the blessings which the Gospel of Christ has brought, not only to Hawai'i, but to all humanity:

People: 'O ka hanohano ame ka nani ame ka lani ame ka ho'omaika'i 'ana, e noho pū me 'Oe, e ka Haku, ko mākou Akua. Amene.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Op.19 No.3 Jägerlied (Song of Hunting)

Kanako Okita

Time with the Children

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Barbara Iwami

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, 'As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.' God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

Mark 1:9-15

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

Sermon: New Beginnings

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prayer Response: Sweet Hour of Prayer

Bell Choir

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 #446:** Jesus, Still Lead On (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering

Barbara Iwami

Jesus gave all of himself to serve the human family. He also took the time to renew and restore himself, then set out to serve once again. Let us take this opportunity to serve our neighbors, friends and strangers, 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: Father, I Adore You

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**

Barbara Iwami

We ask that you accept these gifts, O God, in gratitude for all the giving of Jesus our Savior. Magnify our giving with your grace so that people near and far rejoice in the knowledge of your everlasting love. Amen.

* **Hymn #391:** In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1-5)

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

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Postlude: Festival March

Kayleen Yuda

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