

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Service of Worship, March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Introit:** Simple Gifts

Bell Choir

**Prelude:** Christ Arose

Hilo Brass

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24)

Stefan Tanouye

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, for God is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** **God's steadfast love endures forever!**

**Leader:** The LORD is my strength and my might; God has become my salvation.

**People:** **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

**Leader:** Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**People:** **This is the gate of the LORD, and we rejoice to enter through it.**

**All:** **This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\* **Hymn #233:** Christ the Lord is Risen Today (v. 1-4)

\* **Invocation:** (based on Acts 10:34-43)

Stefan Tanouye

**Thank you so much, O God, for the open invitation you have extended to the world, the invitation to your love, grace, and salvation. Thank you for the gift of Jesus and for the gifts he gave us: his teaching, his healing, his sacrifice, and his resurrection.**

**As we celebrate his new life today, bless us with your Holy Spirit so that we raise our voices in prayer and song to the glory of your name. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

## **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Hilo Brass

**Time with the Children**

**Scripture:** Isaiah 25:6-9

Stefan Tanouye

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death for ever.  
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

**John 20:1-18**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid

him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

**Sermon:** Why Are You Weeping?

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 #245:** The Day of Resurrection (v. 1-3)

**Call to Offering**

Stefan Tanouye

Mary came to the tomb to give Jesus the gift of her grieving tears. Instead, she gave him the gift of her rejoicing tears. Our gifts can turn the weeping of sorrow into the weeping of joy. 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:** Thine Be the Glory

Hilo Brass

\* **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**

Stefan Tanouye

**On this day of resurrection, O God, accept these gifts. May they raise up lives here in our community, around our islands, and around the circles of the world. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #230:** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (v. 1-4)

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Easter March

Hilo Brass

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Today: March 31— Easter Sunday—He is risen!

Today: March 31 - Board of Stewardship & Missions

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