

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship, April 21, 2024  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Simple Gifts

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on John 10:11-18)

John Narruhn

**Leader:** Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who lays down his life for the sheep.

**People:** **Some would flee the wolf, leave it to attack the sheep.**

**Leader:** Jesus does not run away because Jesus cares for the sheep.

**People:** **We are grateful for our Good Shepherd who cares for us with all his heart.**

**Leader:** Jesus lays down his life and takes it up again.

**People:** **For our sake Jesus died, and for our sake Jesus lives.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #479:** God Is My Shepherd (v. 1-5)

\* **Invocation:** (based on Psalm 23)

John Narruhn

**Be our good shepherd, O God, giving us green places to live, water to drink, comfort for our souls. Lead us in righteousness through the deepest valleys. We will not fear the shadows, for your protection comforts us. In your generosity you lay an extravagant table before us, anoint us with oil, fill our cup to overflowing. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall live with you forever. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

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

**Anthem:** O Jesus, I Have Promised

Kayleen Yuda

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Scripture:** 1 John 3:16-24

John Narruhn

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, ‘By what power or by what name did you do this?’ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, ‘Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

“the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.”

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.’

**Sermon:** Shepherd’s Cornerstone

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 #267:** Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us (v. 1-3)

**Call to Offering**

John Narruhn

We have been summoned to love in truth and action, summoned to do so by one who loved us even when threatened with death, one who loved us through death and beyond. Let us praise Christ with our offerings today, presented so that others may also rejoice in God's mercy. 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: Trusting Thee**

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**

John Narruhn

**Accept these gifts, Good Shepherd, Cornerstone, Foundation of our life and faith. Accept these gifts from your grateful people, and may they help others to find their reasons to rejoice. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #252:** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1, 1 Hwn, 2-3)

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude: Praises**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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