

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship, May 5, 2024
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: With a Voice of Singing

Rick Mazurowski

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 98)

Cindy Debus

Leader: Sing to the LORD a new song, for God has done marvelous things.

People: **The LORD has remembered steadfast love before the eyes of the world.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the Earth.

People: **Break forth in songs of praise and joy!**

Leader: Let the sea roar, and all that is in it.

People: **Let the rivers and the hills sing together for joy.**

All: In company with all Creation, let us worship God!

* **Hymn #540:** We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed (v. 1-2, 5-6)

* **Invocation** (based on 1 John 5:1-6)

Cindy Debus

How do we know that we are your children, O God? We know when we love you, and when we love one another. Let your love take charge of the world, conquering the pride, the folly, and the greed of this age. May we live in the light and testify to the light; let the light of Christ illuminate the truth. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Gentle Breeze

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Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Acts 10:44-48

Cindy Debus

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon: Love. Again.

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

Cindy Debus

Jesus said, "Love one another." Let us follow his direction. Let us live and act as his friends. 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: Easter Proclamation

Rick Mazurowski

*** 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**

Cindy Debus

Here are some of our gifts, O God, love offered to you so that people near and far might be blessed. Bless these gifts, and bless the gifts we offer tomorrow in different ways, so that all people might know your love. 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 #388:** Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 1-4)

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in D

Rick Mazurowski

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

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