

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship June 2, 2024
Second Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Adagio on “Allgutiger, Mein Preisgesang”

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 81:1-10)

Christian Albano

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength; shout for joy to the God of Jacob.

People: **Raise a song, sound the tambourine, let music pour forth from strings.**

Leader: Blow the trumpet from the new moon to the full moon, on every festival day.

People: **Celebration is a statute for Israel, an ordinance of the God of Jacob.**

Leader: When we were in distress God answered us.

People: **God answered us in the secret place of thunder, and brought us to freedom and peace.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #24:** The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation:** (based on Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18)

Christian Albano

O God, you have searched us and known us. From the time we rise until the time we rest, you know our thoughts from far away. You know the paths of our days. We praise you, O God, for we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are among your wondrous creative works. As we worship today, we try to comprehend your thoughts, which are more than the sand. At the end of our efforts, we are still with you. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Still You Love Me

Doug Howell

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Christian Albano

Observe the Sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. For six days you shall labor and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Mark 2:23-3:6

One Sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.'

Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the Sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

Sermon: Made for Us

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

Christian Albano

In the sabbath commandment, God blessed us with structured times of rest. In many other commandments, God summoned us to bless others with what we enjoy. May our gifts today help others refresh and renew themselves. 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: Canzonette

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**

Christian Albano

Accept these gifts, O God, in thanks for your gift of refreshment and rest. May we be as generous as you are in providing opportunities for renewal to our neighbors, our families, and ourselves. Amen.

*** Hymn #349: I Come with Joy (v. 1-5)**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn #100: All Praise Be Yours, My God, This Night (v. 1-4)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: The Trumpet of Faith

Kayleen Yuda

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

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