

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Service of Worship June 9, 2024  
Third Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Of All the Spirits Gift to Me

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1)

Ming Peng

**Leader:** The Psalmist wrote long ages ago: "We believe and so we speak."

**People:** **With faithful people across the years, "We believe and so we speak."**

**Leader:** The one who raised Jesus will raise us with Jesus.

**People:** **We will come into God's presence with all those we have loved.**

**Leader:** Although our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day.

**People:** **From the afflictions of our time God will bring us to eternal glory beyond all measure.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #325:** Child of Blessing, Child of Promise (v. 1-4)

\* **Invocation:** (based on Psalm 138)

Ming Peng

**We give you thanks, O God, with our whole hearts. Before the heavens we sing your praise. When we called, you answered. You increased the strength of our souls. Though we pass through trouble, you preserve us. You stretch out your hand to hold us up. Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever, and we trust that you will not forget us, the work of your hands. Amen.**

Please be seated

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** The Song of Our Hearts

Holy Cross Singers

**Time with the Children**

**Baptism of Zak Kazuo Albano**

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them:

**People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."**

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

**Address**

**Questions of the Parents**

**Congregational Assent**

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nation and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

**People: We promise our love, support, and care.**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

**People: I believe in God.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.**

**Baptismal Prayer**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Baptism**

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**Prayer for the Baptized**

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**Scripture:** Genesis 3:8-15

Ming Peng

They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are

you?’ He said, ‘I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ He said, ‘Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?’ The man said, ‘The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.’ Then the LORD God said to the woman, ‘What is this that you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent tricked me, and I ate.’ The LORD God said to the serpent,

‘Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel.’

Mark 3:20-35

And the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

**Sermon:** Satan vs. Satan

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**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 #387: O Christ, the Great Foundation (v. 1-4)**

**Call to Offering**

Ming Peng

Strength multiplies when people strive together. When we gather our gifts together, we can accomplish things that we cannot do separately. Let us show the world our love in unity. 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: Andante**

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**

Ming Peng

**We are your body, O Christ, a gathering of skills, talents, and strengths. Accept these gifts and the gifts presented in other churches in other places, and with them guide the world to your vision of righteousness and peace. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #312: We Love Your Realm, O God (v. 1-6)**

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude: Elizabethan Postlude**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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Today—June 9: Council meeting cancelled

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