

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship June 23, 2024
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Allemande

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

*** Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 9:9-20)

Stefan Tanouye

Leader: The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: **God has not forsaken those who have placed their trust in the LORD.**

Leader: Sing praises to the LORD, and celebrate God's deeds.

People: **The LORD does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

Leader: The needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever.

People: **Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail. Lead the nations to justice and peace.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*** Hymn #21:** God Reigns o'er All the Earth (v. 1-4)

*** Invocation** (based on Psalm 133)

Stefan Tanouye

How lovely and pleasant it is, O God, when kindred live together in unity! It is like sweet oil that drips from the head and down the cheeks with its soothing touch. It is

like the dew that refreshes the dry peaks of the mountains. Send your blessings upon us, O LORD: life evermore. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Beautiful Dreamer

Keiko Formanek

Kanako Okita

Time with the Children

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:32-49

Stefan Tanouye

David said to Saul, 'Let no one's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you are just a boy, and he has been a warrior from his youth.' But David said to Saul, 'Your servant used to keep sheep for his father; and whenever a lion or a bear came, and took a lamb from the flock, I went after it and struck it down, rescuing the lamb from its mouth; and if it turned against me, I would catch it by the jaw, strike it down, and kill it. Your servant has killed both lions and bears; and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God.' David said, 'The LORD, who saved me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, will save me from the hand of this Philistine.' So Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the LORD be with you!'

Saul clothed David with his armor; he put a bronze helmet on his head and clothed him with a coat of mail. David strapped Saul's sword over the armor, and he tried in vain to walk, for he was not used to them. Then David said to Saul, 'I cannot walk with these; for I am not used to them.' So David removed them. Then he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones from the wadi, and put them in his shepherd's bag, in the pouch; his sling was in his hand, and he drew near to the Philistine.

The Philistine came on and drew near to David, with his shield-bearer in front of him. When the Philistine looked and saw David, he disdained him, for he was only a youth, ruddy and handsome in appearance. The Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. The Philistine said to David, 'Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the field.' But David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with sword and spear and javelin; but I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This very day the LORD will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head; and I will give the dead bodies of the Philistine army this very day to the birds of the air and to the wild animals of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the LORD does not save by sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD's and he will give you into our hand.'

When the Philistine drew nearer to meet David, David ran quickly towards the battle line to meet the Philistine. David put his hand in his bag, took out a stone, slung it, and struck the Philistine on his forehead; the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell face down on the ground.

Mark 4:35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Sermon: In Danger

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

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 #441:** Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me (v. 1-3)

Call to Offering

Stefan Tanouye

David came to the battle with his gifts of skill and courage. Jesus came to the boat with his gifts of power and grace. What gifts do you bring to share today? 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: Air

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**

Stefan Tanouye

We know your love and care for us, O God, as sweet as the scent of plumeria, as melodious as the mejiro. Accept these gifts of love and care, and direct them to the blessing of your people. Amen.

*** Hymn #442: I'm Pressing on the Upward Way (v. 1-4)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Rigandon

Kayleen Yuda

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

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