

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship July 14, 2024
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Prelude in E Flat

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Palm 85:8-13)

Cindy Debus

Leader: Let us hear what God the LORD will speak.

People: **May the LORD speak peace to the peoples of the Earth!**

Leader: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who revere the LORD.

People: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will embrace.**

Leader: Let faithfulness spring up from the ground, and righteousness look down from the sky.

People: **The LORD will give what is good, and our land will hold and feed us.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* **Hymn #4:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation** (based on Ephesians 1:3-14)

Cindy Debus

We bless you, O God, and we praise you for Jesus Christ. You have made us your children, you have freely bestowed your grace. In Christ you have given us an inheritance so that we might live in your glory. Hear our prayers today, O God, as we rejoice in your salvation. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: A Canon of Praise

Holy Cross Singers

Time with the Children

Scripture: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12-19

Cindy Debus

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

It was told King David, 'The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.' So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt-offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,

and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the LORD,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.^[a] *Selah*
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.
Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.

Sermon: Gotta Dance

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 #524:** This Little Light/This Joy I Have (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering

Cindy Debus

David did not just dance before the LORD. He brought musicians, he equipped a cart, he prepared a tent, he fed a multitude with a feast. We do not have David's resources, but together we can joyfully proclaim the gifts of God with our offerings. 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: Elevation

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**

Cindy Debus

We rejoice in your grace, O God, as each day dawns and as each evening falls. Bless these gifts as expressions of our joy in you, and guide them so that others may also know the wonders of your love. Amen.

*** Hymn #471: What a Covenant (v. 1-3)**

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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Dates to Remember

Today: July 14--Council Meeting after worship
Today: July 14--Dedication of Bread for the World

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