

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship July 21, 2024  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Theme and Two Variations

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on 2 Samuel 7:1-14)

Jennifer Tanouye

**Leader:** When King David was settled in his house, he thought to house the Ark of God.

**People:** **He told the prophet Nathan, "I am living in a house of cedar, but the Ark of God stays in a tent!"**

**Leader:** God replied, "Have I ever asked one of the shepherds of Israel to make me a house of cedar?"

**People:** **Instead, God promised to protect the house of David.**

**Leader:** God promised health and growth and safety for the faithful people.

**People:** **God promised to love them as a parent loves a child, and nurture them to their fullness.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1-4)

\* **Invocation:** (based on Psalm 23)

Jennifer Tanouye

**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right**

paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Please be seated

## **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** The Seasons Op.37b No.7 July: Song of the Reapers      Kanako Okita

Please be seated

Time with the Children

### **Baptisms of Sophia Frances Akiko Niino & Gianna Autumn Cornielle**

**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**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

Jennifer Tanouye

“Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,  
a King who will reign wisely  
and do what is just and right in the land.  
In his days Judah will be saved  
and Israel will live in safety.  
This is the name by which he will be called:  
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went—into

villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

**Sermon:** Now This is a Shepherd

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 #252:** Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us (v. 1 Eng, v. 1 Hwn, 2-3)

**Please be seated**

**Call to Offering**

Jennifer Tanouye

What is a shepherd? One who comforts, one who cares. May we be good shepherds to our families, neighbors, and communities. With these gifts we offer our care to the flocks of God. 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:** Rondeau

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**

Jennifer Tanouye

**You have given us a Good Shepherd, O God. You have been the Good Shepherd to us. As we give you thanks for your care, may we extend it to others near and far by these gifts, offered to your grace. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #503:** O Savior, Let Me Walk with You (v. 1-4)

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric A. Anderson

## **Benediction**

Rev. Eric A. Anderson

**Postlude:** Plein Jeu a la Couperin

Kayleen Yuda

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