

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship August 11, 2024

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

Rev. Jonathan Roach, Guest Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude:

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Jonathan Roach

*** Call to Worship:** (Inspired by Amos 5)

Nalyn Ang

One: So, what does God want?

Many: **A great worship service, beautiful music, inspiring words of hope!**

One: Really? So, what does God want?

Many: **A landmark church building, an architectural wonder that people come to admire!**

One: Do you believe that? I ask again: So, what does God want?

Many: **That justice flows like an unstoppable river, that righteousness moves like a never-failing stream! That all feel the love of God and the love neighbor!**

*** Hymn #593:** Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing

*** Invocation**

Nalyn Ang

God of Unpopular Truths, your ways are perfect, and your laws are justice. We gather today in your name and for your kin-dom. May our hearts be opened, and our understanding expanded with the vision of your righteousness. May our worship please you, transform us, and bear witness to your presence in this world. Amen

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem:

Time with the Children

Scripture: Amos 5:21-24

Nalyn Ang

I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Sermon: So, What Does God Want?

Rev. Jonathan Roach

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Jonathan Roach

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 #588: Let Justice Flow Like Streams**

Call to Offering

Nalyn Ang

God has planted generosity within our beings. The gifts we receive are not for holding and creating idols, they are for the work of the kin-dom, the building of God's beloved community, and spreading God's abundance so that all may be well and whole.

Offertory:

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**

Nalyn Ang

Mahalo Holy One, we thank you for the gifts of being your church. We give thanks by bringing our resources to this community, to be shared and used for your kin-dom in your ministry of justice and love, and for this world. Grow this generosity beyond our wildest imagination. Amen!

Hymn #573: Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Jonathan Roach

Benediction

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Postlude: Festival March

Kayleen Yuda

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

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