

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Service of Worship August 18, 2024  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Pastorale

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on Proverbs 9:1-6)

Peter Braun

**Leader:** Wisdom has built her house; she has raised her seven pillars.

**People:** **She has prepared her feast; she has set her table.**

**Leader:** Wisdom calls to all the people in the town:

**People:** **“Turn from your folly! Come here!**

**Leader:** “Eat of my bread; drink what I have mixed.”

**People:** **We come to be fed by wisdom and to live in the ways of insight.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #31:** All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1-3)

\* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 111)

Peter Braun

**We praise you, O God, in the privacy of our hearts, and in this company of worshipers. Great are your works, full of honor and majesty. You are faithful and just. Your guidance is trustworthy. You have brought redemption to your people. You have commanded your covenant forever. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, it is said: in wisdom we praise your name forever. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** Sonatina Op. 36 No. 6, 1<sup>st</sup> Mvt.

Kanako Okita

## Time with the Children

**Scripture:** Psalm 34:9-14

Peter Braun

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,  
for those who fear him have no want.  
The young lions suffer want and hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.  
Come, O children, listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.  
Which of you desires life,  
and covets many days to enjoy good?  
Keep your tongue from evil,  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Depart from evil, and do good;  
seek peace, and pursue it.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Sermon:** The Beginning of Wisdom

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 #30:** Colorful Creator (v. 1-4)

## **Call to Offering**

Peter Braun

Rejoice in the colors of sunrise, in the roar of the sea. Rejoice in the comforting touch of a friend and in the smell and taste of good food. Rejoice in it all, and rejoice that you can share your wisdom and your resources with those who share the sunrise, but lack the food they need. 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**

Peter Braun

**With these gifts, O God, we pray that you may build wisdom among human beings. May we draw nearer to one another in love. May we share in the abundance of your gifts. May we rejoice in your grace. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #55:** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart (v. 1-5)

## **Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Rejoice, The Lord is King

Kayleen Yuda

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

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## **Church Picnic Today**

Join us today, Sunday, August 18, for our annual picnic. We'll enjoy good food, good company, and of course the laughter that comes with playing old familiar games together. Plan to be with us in the Building of Faith when worship ends!

## Dates to Remember

Today: August 18--Deacons Meeting after worship

Today: August 18--Church picnic, Hilo style!

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