

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i

Service of Worship September 29, 2024

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Offertorio

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 124)

Christian Albano

Leader: If the LORD had not been on our side when our lives were stressed and hard

People: **It might have felt like we were swallowed alive, beyond all help.**

Leader: We could have been like those swept away in a flood,

People: **Carried away in a raging torrent.**

Leader: Blessed be God, who has sheltered and shielded us.

People: **Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #181:** You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 1-4)

* **Please join me in the Invocation:** (based on Psalm 19:7-14) Christian Albano

We know your law is perfect, O LORD, and that our understanding of it is not. Make us wise. Rejoice our hearts. Guide us in the ways of righteousness, which are sweeter than the honeycomb. Following your lead brings great reward, but we struggle to know our own errors and find our hidden faults. Let the words of our mouths and the reflections of our hearts be acceptable to you, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: God Shall Direct Thy Paths

Doug Albertson
Eric Anderson

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

Christian Albano

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.'

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the LORD, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors"? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

So the LORD said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.'

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!'

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of

me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Sermon: So I Don't Whine

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 #528:** Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed) (v. 1 Spanish, v. 1-2 English)

Call to Offering

Christian Albano

God has called us to pray in our suffering and rejoice in our happiness. God has called us to pray for the sick and the needy. God has also called us to pray with our hands, our time, and our gifts. 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: Allegro

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**

Christian Albano

We present these offerings to you, O God, as a prayer of action, commitment, and compassion. Accept them, we pray, in the name of the One whose actions, commitment, and compassion brought us grace: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*** Hymn #562: Take My Gifts (v. 1-3)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: The Trumpet of Faith

Kayleen Yuda

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

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