

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship October 20, 2024  
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

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**Prelude:** Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c)

Lorraine Davis

**Leader:** Bless the LORD, O my soul. Bless the Holy One, clothed in honor and majesty.

**People:** **God is wrapped with light like a cloak. The heavens stretch like a tent,**

**Leader:** As God rides the clouds on the wings of the wind.

**People:** **How marvelous and many are the works of God!**

**Leader:** In wisdom God created them.

**People:** **The world is filled with the creatures of God.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #26:** We Worship You, God (v. 1-5)

\* **Invocation** (based on Job 38:1-7, 34-41)

Lorraine Davis

**We would speak to you from knowledge, O God, but next to you, we know very little. We peer into the past to see the Creation, but you were there. We scan the heavens to measure their expanse, but you know their limits. We have not heard the hosts of heaven shouting for joy. Only you have. Bless us in this time, O God, not with knowledge but with faith. Bless us with the assurance that your love is greater than our ignorance, greater than our failings. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** Birds of Passage from Idylls, Op. 34 No. 3

Kanako Okita  
Alden Young, Violinist

## Time with the Children

**Scripture:** Isaiah 53:4-12

Lorraine Davis

Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.  
But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.  
He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.  
By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb<sup>[a]</sup> with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.  
Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

**Sermon:** One More Time...

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 #305:** You Servants of God, your Sovereign Proclaim (v. 1-4)

### **Call to Offering**

Lorraine Davis

Few of us would dare to ask Jesus for a special place in glory – but many of us expect such a place here on Earth. Let us take this moment to seek the place that Jesus led: the place of service, compassion, and care. 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:** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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**

Lorraine Davis

**You call us to serve, O God, to lead in service, to guide others in service. Accept these gifts, we pray, and by them bring comfort to the comfortless, hope to the hopeless, and inspiration to the directionless. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #539: Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant? (v. 1-6)**

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude: Epilogue on "Grafton"**

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Dates to Remember**

Today, October 20—Deacons Meeting after worship  
Sunday, October 27--All Saints Day

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