

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship October 27, 2024
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: For All the Saints

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

*** Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22)

Cynthia Debus

Leader: Bless the LORD at all times, let God's praise be always in your mouth.

People: **May the downcast hear me speak of the LORD and be glad.**

Leader: Magnify the LORD with me. Let us exalt God's name together.

People: **Taste and see that the LORD is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

Leader: The LORD redeems the lives of the people.

People: **Nobody who takes refuge in God will be condemned.**

All: Let us worship God!

*** Hymn #295:** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (v. 1-3)

*** Invocation:** (based on Jeremiah 31:7-9)

Cynthia Debus

You have told us to sing aloud with gladness, O God. You have summoned us to give praise even as we pray for the salvation of your people. Gather us, one and all, from the north and the south and the east and the west, the old, the young, the disabled, the weary, those in labor, the living and the dead; make us a great community

gathered in love. Bring us to springs of water, and do not let us stumble, as we travel the path of your will. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Romance Op.22, 2nd mvt.

Kanako Okita, piano
Alden Young, violin

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Hebrews 7:23-28

Cynthia Debus

Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever.

Mark 10:46-52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon: Mercy

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

ALL SAINTS DAY CANDLE LIGHTING

We remember those Members and Friends of the Church of the Holy Cross who have gone from our care to God's in the past year.

Kay A. Deupree
Emiko Katada

Sachi Fukuda
Reilly Narruhn

Gwendolyn Kamanu
Evonne Shioshita

Eileen Shiraishi
David Williams

Larry Walter

Betty Jean Bowman

As each name is read, our church bell will be tolled and a candle lit in remembrance of each person's life and in thanks for their new life in Christ. After these names are read the congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

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 #11: Bring Many Names (v. 1-6)**

Call to Offering

Cynthia Debus

The saints of God are people who raised up the lives of those around them, neighbors, family, or strangers. Let us be saints in our giving this morning. 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: Sine Nomine

Bell Choir

*** 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**

Cynthia Debus

We offer you these gifts in thanksgiving for the people who have been saints in our lives, O God, those whom you guided to goodness and generosity of heart. Accept them, we pray, and may we be saints for those around us. Amen.

*** Hymn #377: Forward through the Ages (v. 1-3)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Elizabethan Postlude

Kayleen Yuda

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

We honor the lives of these saints and more who died in years past. Please hold them in prayer with gratitude and love.

Robert Hughes	Jiro Ikeda	Akinori Imai
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