

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship November 10, 2024

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Agincourt

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 127)

Nalyn Ang

Leader: Unless the LORD builds the house,

People: **Those who build it labor in vain.**

Leader: Unless the LORD guards the city,

People: **The guard keeps their watch in vain.**

Leader: Do not eat the bread of anxious toil, but make the time for rest:

People: **God gives sleep to us, for we are God's beloved.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #565:** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation:** (based on 1 Kings 17:8-16)

Nalyn Ang

When the land was parched with drought, O God, your prophet came to a foreign land, where he found a widow who expected she and her son would die. You gave them food, and life, and hope. Bring us hope and confidence as well, O God, to face the future in all its uncertainties with courage and with faith. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Praise and Thanksgiving

Holy Cross Singers

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Nalyn Ang

Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, 'My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing-floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing-floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.' She said to her, 'All that you tell me I will do.'

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, 'Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.' Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, 'A son has been born to Naomi.' They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

Mark 12:38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.'

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Sermon: House Devoured

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 #563: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)**

Call to Offering

Nalyn Ang

What gift does God ask of you? Is it a mountain of cash, or is it a single coin? Is it help with a neighbor's leaky faucet, or a smile for a troubled friend? Is it strength for today or hope for tomorrow? Whatever gifts you offer, bring them now. 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: Canzonetta

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

Two small coins should shame us all, O God, in their simultaneous generosity and indictment of a society that abandons the vulnerable poor. Accept these gifts, we pray, and help us make a world in which no one lacks something to live on. Amen.

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

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: March

Kayleen Yuda

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

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Today, November 10— Council Meeting after worship

Today, November 10 - Stewardship Sunday

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:**
Tuesdays, 3:00 p.m. via Zoom
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. -Pastor's study
Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - Pastor's office
- **One Song:** Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. online
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room
- **Community Sing:** 2nd & 4th Fridays, 6:00 pm in sanctuary

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – Sanctuary, 12 noon
Rev. Bensis Henry
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa** – Sanctuary, 2:00 p.m.
Rev. Sitau Ofoia, Jr.
- **The Bedesta Church** – Sanctuary, 4 p.m.
Rev. Edmes Edwin

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