

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship January 19, 2025
Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Isaiah 62:1-5)

Lorraine Davis

Leader: For the City of God's sake I will not keep silent until its vindication shines like the dawn.

People: **The nations shall see its vindication and its glory. They shall hear the name with which God blesses it.**

Leader: You shall be a beautiful crown in the hand of the LORD.

People: **May we be an ornament on the hand of God.**

Leader: God does not call us Forsaken or Desolate, but Delight and Beloved.

People: **As those who marry rejoice in one another, we will rejoice in the LORD.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 36:5-10)

Lorraine Davis

Your steadfast love, O God, extends the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches beyond the clouds. With all the people of the earth, we take refuge in the shadow of your wings, in the protection of your love. You are the fountain of light; in your light we see light. Come to us in this time of worship, and continue your steadfast love for us and for all those whom you have created. Amen.

Please be seated

Anthem: I Will Sing of the Mercies

Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Lorraine Davis

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Sermon: Can You Turn Water into Wine?

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 #163:** Many Are the Lightbeam (v. 1-5)

Call to Offering

Lorraine Davis

Jesus showed his love for the hosts of the wedding by making certain they had what they needed. We can show our love for those around us by helping them obtain what they need, whether they lack things of the body or things of the spirit. 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: Blessed Jesu

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

Gracious God, accept the gifts we bring. May their use increase the joy of your people, your people in this church and our neighbors across the world. Amen.

* **Hymn #51:** O Sing a Song of Bethlehem (v. 1-4)

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Flourish

Kayleen Yuda

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

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Today—January 19: Deacons Meeting After Worship

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A reminder from the Every Member Canvass Committee, please send in your 2025 pledge cards if you have not done so. This will help us in planning for our year's program. To date we have received 29 pledges for 70% of our goal. Thank you to all who have already sent in pledges.

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.
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