

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Diane Weible, Sabbatical Interim Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Morning Has Broken Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

* **Call to Worship** Cindy Debus

Leader: There is a good word for you if you are weary.

People: It is the Word of Love, deeper than every despair.

Leader: There is a good word if you have ever felt unworthy.

People: It is the Word of Hope, "Do not be afraid!"

Leader: There is a good word that needs to be heard.

People: It is the Word of Life, that raises up abundant blessings.

* **Hymn #173:** You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (vs. 1-2, English)

* **Invocation** Cindy Debus

Loving God, gather us anew into your net of love. Interrupt whatever overwhelms us with the gift of your renewing grace. Plumb every depth and reveal Your holy abundance. Let it awaken us to what you make possible when we risk answering your invitation to begin again. Gift us with the courage to trust the command of

Christ to put out into the deep, even when it doesn't seem to make sense. Answer our trust with Your promised presence as we gather in the name of Jesus. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Simple Gifts Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8 Cindy Debus

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Sermon: Digging Deep

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

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 #593 (UMH):** Here I am, Lord (vs. 1-3)

Call to Offering

Cindy Debus

Just when he was at his wit's end, Peter received the command of Christ, to let down his nets into the deep and trust what God can and will do. The result was a net-bursting catch. Jesus revealed the secret of a generous life. It requires trust that God can and will multiply our best efforts for a good deeper and wider than we can imagine. As we bring our gifts to God, may the same spirit that enlivened Jesus and surprised Peter be at work in us. And may it grow in us a deep joy!

Offertory: Offertoire

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

* **Please join me in the Offertory Prayer**

Cindy Debus

God of the bursting nets, we thank you for your abundant blessings, rising up at every turn. Multiply these gifts and our faith that your good news of life-giving love may stretch wider still. Yes, form us deep in Your heart for this good and gracious work. Amen.

* **Hymn #448:** Take My Life, God, Let It Be (vs. 1-4)

Announcements

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Benediction

Rev. Dr. Diane Weible

Postlude: God's Trumpet Call Kayleen Yuda

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

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Morning Has Broken

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Here I Am, Lord

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Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Frances R. Havergal, 1874

Tune: VIENNA

Arr. Justin H. Knecht, 1797

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God's Trumpet Call

George Blake

Joseph W. Lerman

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- **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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Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979; alt.

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

D A7 D *Estrillo (Refrain)*
D7

quie - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nets and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES

8.10.10. with refrain

Cesáreo Gabaraín, 1979

Harm. Skinnér Chávez-Melo, 1987

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A7 D

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
 kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

D7 G F#m

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
 On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

B7 Em A7 D

jun - to a tí bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
 mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,
 a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.
Estrillo

3. You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,
 work - ing love for the rest of the
 wea - ry—
 A love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Refrain

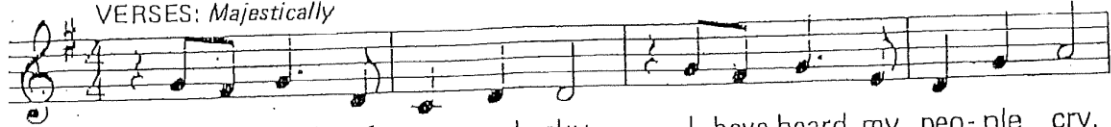
4. Tú, Pes - ca - dor de o - tros ma - res,
 an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran.
 A - mi - go bue - no, que a - sí me lla - mas.
Estrillo

4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters;
 you, the long - ing of souls that are
 yearn - ing;
 As lov - ing Friend, you have come
 to call me.
Refrain

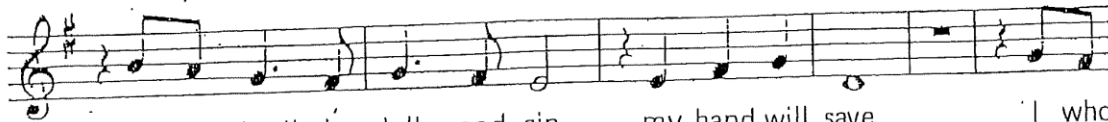
HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

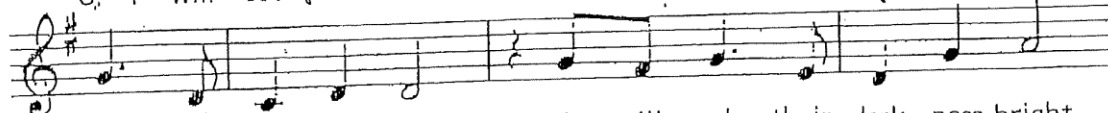
VERSES: *Majestically*



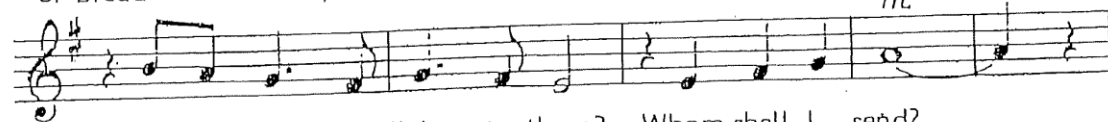
1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

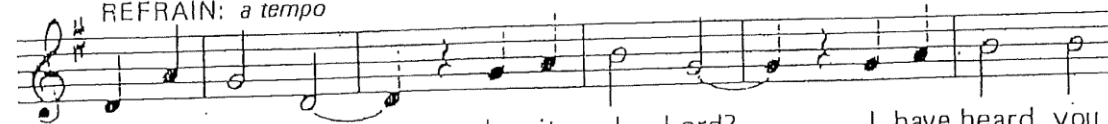


1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied. *rit.*

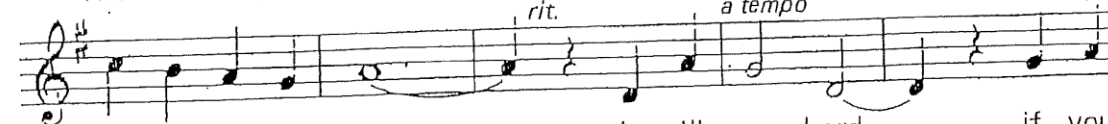


1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? _____
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? _____
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? _____

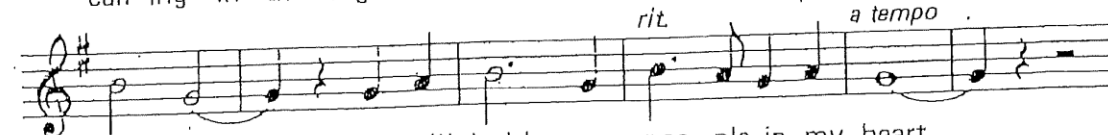
REFRAIN: *a tempo*



Here I am, Lord. _____ Is it I, Lord? _____ I have heard you



call-ing in the night. _____ I will go, Lord, _____ if you



lead me. _____ I will hold your peo-ple in my heart. _____

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Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the

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Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 9, 2025

Luke 5:1-11

A Surprising Catch

They had been fishing all night, but still their nets were empty. As the rays of a new day pierced the horizon, the fishermen pulled to shore and began unpacking their gear.

A teacher named Jesus was there among the shore, too, talking among all the workers. It was then Jesus turned to the fisherman named Simon and told him to cast his nets into the deep water.

Now Simon, who came from a long line of fishermen, knew where the best places to fish in Lake Gennesaret were. He didn't need advice from a stranger on how to do his job.

Simon also knew that the lake — 13 miles long and 8 miles wide — was a relatively shallow body of water. And because of its shallowness, any high wind that kicked up had the power of quickly turning placid water into raging waves. Anyone fishing Lake Gennesaret knew it was better to play it safe and stay close to the shore than venture into the deep water.

Perhaps Simon really needed a big catch, or perhaps there was something in Jesus' voice that intrigued him. Whatever it was, he mustered the courage to do what Jesus had instructed. Into the deep he went, and to his surprise and delight, he hauled a net overflowing with fish.

With waves tossing his little boat about, he squinted in the sun back towards the shore where Jesus stood and marveled. Had he not listened to Jesus and stayed safely close to shore, he would never have experienced that catch of all catches.

Let us look around our Lake Gennesarets right now.

Are we close to the shore, safe and comfortable in waters that we know, even if it means missing the chance of experiencing the great and surprising catches God has waiting for us?

Or are we ready to go into the risky and murky waters of life where the most life-changing God moments are swimming beneath our fears and doubts?

As we decide where it is we want to "fish" this day, let us remember that Jesus just didn't just tell Simon to "go to the deep water." Jesus said go AND prepare.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for something big.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for something good.

Go into the deep with God and prepare for blessings to abound.

Go into the deep with God and prepare our lives to be changed.

Gracious God, we want to experience all that You have planned for us, but to do so, we need more courage to venture into the unknown, risky and often scary waters of life. Grant us that courage and increase our faith this day and always. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

