

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship June 8, 2025
Pentecost Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Please note that audio and video of this service are being live streamed on the Internet and will be recorded. The right rear section of the sanctuary will not be captured by any cameras. Please be aware that in other sections you may be visible at times.

Prelude: O Magnum Mysterium Rick Mazurowski

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 104:24-35) Anna Kennedy

Leader: The world is filled with the wisdom of the LORD,

People: **The creatures, the clouds, the sea: all these and more display the wisdom of God.**

Leader: When God's Spirit goes forth, creation spring up.

People: **God's Spirit renews the face of the ground itself.**

Leader: Sing to the LORD today and as long as you live!

People: **We will sing to the LORD while we have being.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* **Hymn #261:** Let Every Christian Pray (v. 1-3)

* **Invocation** (based on Genesis 11:1-9) Anna Kennedy

Send your Holy Spirit to us today as we worship, O God. We have confused ourselves as much and more than those who attempted the Tower of Babel. We have striven for the heights of pride, and we have tumbled to the depths of failure. Unite us as creatures of the Earth. Unite us in love and compassion. Unite us in your praise. Amen.

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Bread for the World Rick Mazurowski

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Romans 8:14-17 Anna Kennedy

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness^l with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.'

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

"In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Sermon: Visions and Dreams Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please join 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 #272:** On Pentecost They Gathered (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering Anna Kennedy

We dream of a world at peace. We dream of a world of compassion. We dream of a world without need. Until the day our dreams are fulfilled, we bring our gifts to God with the prayer that they build this world of which we dream. 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: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Rick Mazurowski

* **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** Anna Kennedy

Accept our gifts and our prayers, O God, and send us the Holy Spirit through which our dreams and your vision of peace might be made real. Amen.

* **Hymn #286:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v. 1-4)

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Toccata on 'Come Holy Ghost' Rick Mazurowski

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

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O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

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Let Every Christian Pray

Text by Fred Pratt Green, 1970

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Bread for the World

Bernadette Farrell

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On Pentecost They Gathered

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Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Alan Smith

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Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Text & Music (SPIRIT) by James K. Manley, 1978

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Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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Toccatto on 'Come Holy Ghost'

Rick Mazuroski

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Important Dates

Today—Council Meeting after worship

Mondays, 11:30 a.m. --Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.

Wednesdays, 5 p.m. Bible Study in Pastor's Study and via Zoom. The meeting link will be in the Weekly Chime. No Bible Study this week or next. Bible Study resumes on June 25.

Wednesdays, 12 noon –Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.

Pastor	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator	Stefan Tanouye
Vice Moderator	Lorraine Davis
Lay Reader	Anna Kennedy
Organist/Pianist	Rick Mazurowski
Hand Bell Director	Anna Kennedy
Sunday School Teacher	Gloria Kobayashi
Sunday School Aide	Johanna Narruhn
Chapel Decorations	Gloria Kobayashi
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We welcome you to worship this day. Church of the Holy Cross seeks to help its members, friends, and visitors follow the guidance of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, encouraging all people to love one another according to the teachings of Jesus. We live and teach the faith, speak good news, minister to people near and far, and work with other households of faith and helping agencies to improve our community and our world. To learn more visit our website at holycrosshilo.com.



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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

Let Every Christian Pray

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Fred Pratt Green, 1970; rev. 1994

Acts 2

1 Let ev - ery Chris - tian pray, this day and ev - ery day,
2 The Spir - it brought to birth the church of Christ on earth
3 On - ly the Spir - it's power can fit us for this hour:

come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! Was not the church we love
to seek and save the lost: God nev - er has with - drawn,
come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come! U - nite, in - struct, in - spire

com - mis - sioned from a - bove? Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!
since that tre - men - dous dawn, the gifts of Pen - te - cost.
and fill us with your fire: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come!

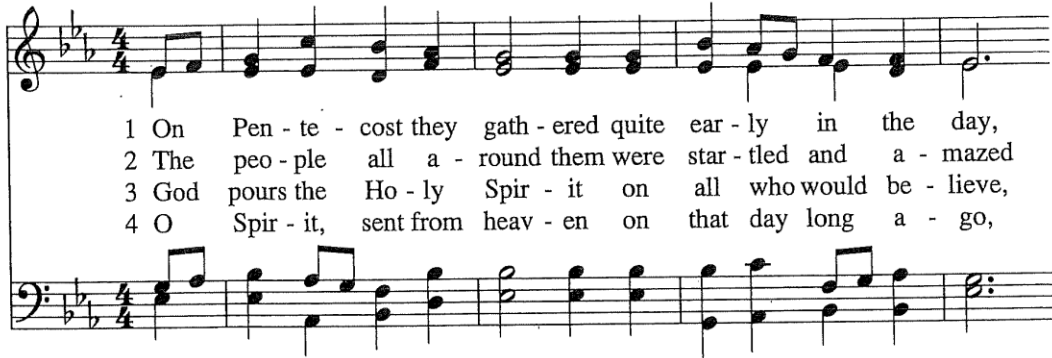
Noted contemporary British hymnwriter Fred Pratt Green retired from the parish ministry in 1969 and only then commenced his prolific output of hymn texts, which can be found in every major hymnal publication of the late twentieth century.

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.
Joseph Barnby, 1868

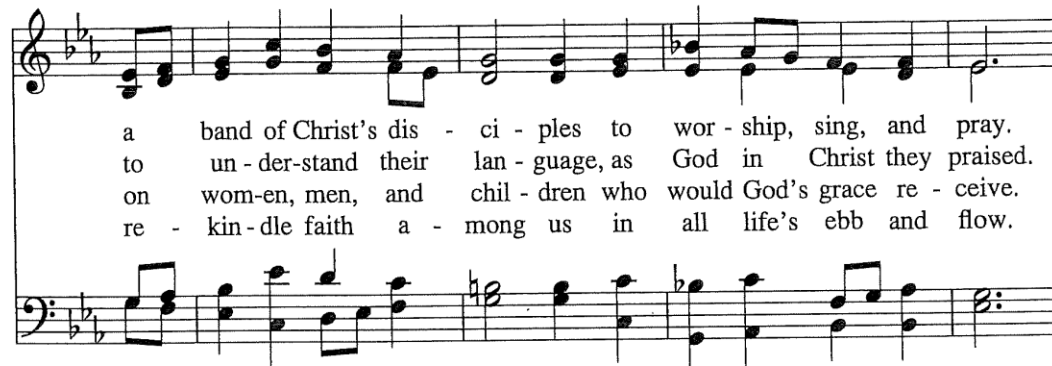
On Pentecost They Gathered

Acts 2:1-24, 32-47

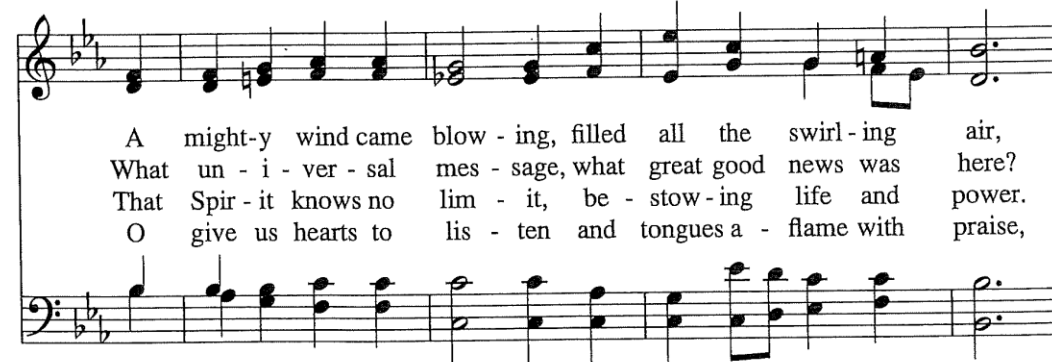
Jane Parker Huber, 1981; rev. 1993



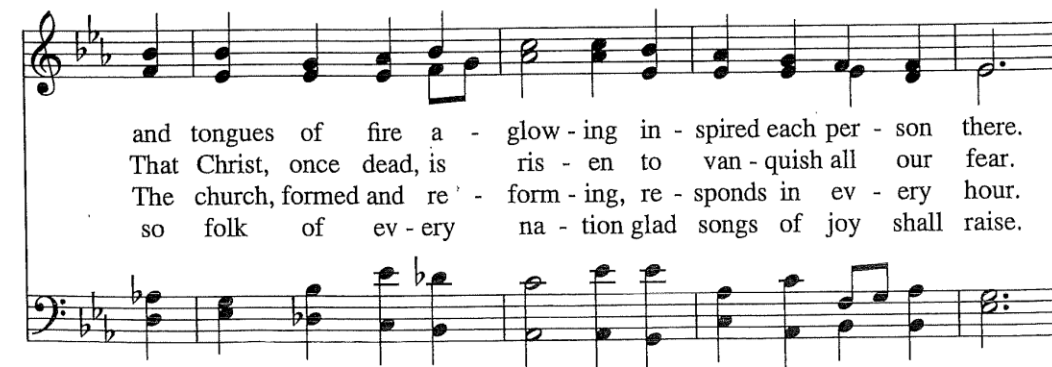
1 On Pen - te - cost they gath - ered quite ear - ly in the day,
 2 The peo - ple all a - round them were star - tled and a - mazed
 3 God pours the Ho - ly Spir - it on all who would be - lieve,
 4 O Spir - it, sent from heav - en on that day long a - go,



a band of Christ's dis - ci - ples to wor - ship, sing, and pray.
 to un - der - stand their lan - guage, as God in Christ they praised.
 on wom - en, men, and chil - dren who would God's grace re - ceive.
 re - kin - dle faith a - mong us in all life's ebb and flow.



A might - y wind came blow - ing, filled all the swirl - ing air,
 What un - i - ver - sal mes - sage, what great good news was here?
 That Spir - it knows no lim - it, be - stow - ing life and power.
 O give us hearts to lis - ten and tongues a - flame with praise,



and tongues of fire a - glow - ing in - spired each per - son there.
 That Christ, once dead, is ris - en to van - quish all our fear.
 The church, formed and re - form - ing, re - sponds in ev - ery hour.
 so folk of ev - ery na - tion glad songs of joy shall raise.

Jane Parker Huber explained that she wrote this text in 1981
 "to fill a gap in current hymnody," in that "many of the hymns
 concerning the activity of the Holy Spirit do not mention
 Pentecost."

Tune: MUNICH 7.6.7.6.D.
 Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G. *Last time, end* D

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

**Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.*

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 to Refrain

bers and rise on your wings."
 ets to o - pen their eyes.
 ple on the rush of the wind.
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth verse at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
 James K. Manley, 1978
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993