

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship July 20, 2025
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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Prelude: Toccata in A Minor

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Genesis 18)

Gloria Kobayashi

Leader: The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre in the form of three strangers on the road.

People: **Not knowing these were messengers of God, Abraham rushed to welcome them as guests.**

Leader: The visitors were welcomed warmly, given ease to rest.

People: **The visitors were welcomed warmly, given special food to eat.**

Leader: Abraham was generous, but God was more generous yet.

People: **God made Sarah and Abraham parents, ancestors, and leaders of the faith.**

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #451:** Be Now My Vision (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation:** (based on Colossians 1:15-28)

Gloria Kobayashi

We praise you, O Christ, image of the invisible God, firstborn of all Creation. We praise you, the head of the Church, first of all things. We thank you for reconciling us to God. We have been wayward and estranged, but in your grace we have found our sacred home. We rejoice in the riches of your glory. Amen.

Anthem: Wonder is Not Enough

Eric Anderson

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Amos 8:1-12

Gloria Kobayashi

This is what the Lord GOD showed me—a basket of summer fruit. He said, ‘Amos, what do you see?’ And I said, ‘A basket of summer fruit.’ Then the LORD said to me,

‘The end has come upon my people Israel;

I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings on that day,’
says the Lord GOD;

‘the dead bodies shall be many,

cast out in every place. Be silent!’

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,

and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

saying, ‘When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,

and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver

and the needy for a pair of sandals,

and selling the sweepings of the wheat.’

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:

Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,

and everyone mourn who lives in it,

and all of it rise like the Nile,

and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord GOD,

I will make the sun go down at noon,

and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning,

and all your songs into lamentation;

I will bring sackcloth on all loins,

and baldness on every head;

I will make it like the mourning for an only son,

and the end of it like a bitter day.

The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,

when I will send a famine on the land;

not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,

but of hearing the words of the LORD.

They shall wander from sea to sea,

and from north to east;
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,
but they shall not find it

Luke 10:38-42

Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me.' But the Lord answered her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing.^[a] Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.'

Sermon: Summer Fruit

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 #446:** Jesus, Still Lead On (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering

Gloria Kobayashi

There is a time to renew, and there is a time to work. There is a time to learn, and there is a time to put your learning into the world. In this moment, let Jesus' teaching take form in gifts which help people who need hope or home. 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: Brother James Air

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**

Gloria Kobayashi

We offer our gifts in this time, O God, a time which is good for some, bad for others. We offer our gifts to that those who suffer may have relief. We offer our gifts so that we might be part of building your reign of love and peace. Amen.

* **Hymn #494:** We Who Would Valiant Be (v. 1-3)

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Joyous Dialogue

Kayleen Yuda

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

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Mondays, 11:30 a.m. --Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.
Wednesdays, 12 noon –Pickleball lessons; contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up.

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- **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