

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship August 24, 2025

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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**Prelude:** Pastorale

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 71:1-6)

Mace Peng

**Leader:** Take refuge in the LORD, let God protect you from shame.

**People:** **Let the righteousness of the LORD deliver us and rescue us.**

**Leader:** The LORD is our rock and our refuge, a fortress to protect us.

**People:** **May the LORD rescue us from the assaults of the unjust and the cruel.**

**Leader:** Let the LORD be your hope and your trust whether you are keiki or kupuna.

**People:** **We will rely upon God, who has protected us all our lives.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #13:** O My Soul, Bless Your Creator (v. 1-5)

\* **Invocation** (based on Jeremiah 1:4-10)

Mace Peng

**Let your word come to us, O God; let your Holy Spirit fill us. You have known us since before we were born; you have called us as your people and your ministers. Let your words be in our mouths and your compassion in our fingers. May we be prepared to plant your grace in those nearby and proclaim it for those far away. In Jesus' name we praise you. Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** How Did Moses Cross the Red Sea

Kayleen Yuda

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Scripture:** Isaiah 58:9-14

Mace Peng

Then you shall call and the LORD will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.  
If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
The LORD will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.  
Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;<sup>[a]</sup>  
then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Luke 13:10-17

Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and

not on the Sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

**Sermon:** Unlawful (Sort Of)

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 #401:** O God in Whom All Life Begins (v. 1-3)

**Call to Offering**

Mace Peng

God has given us life, talent, and a world of resources, and God has given us these things without regard to our notions of appropriate times. Let us give for the benefit of our neighbors and community without regard to artificial notions of the "right time." All times are the right times to give. 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:** Chorale

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**

Mace Peng

**God who is so gracious to us, multiply these gifts which we share with our neighbors. May they find healing of body, mind, and spirit through these gifts and our sharing all week. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #573:** Lead On Eternal Sovereign (v. 1-3)

**Announcements**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **Postlude: Chorale**

Kayleen Yuda

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

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## **Important Dates**

**Today, August 24**— Annual Hilo Style picnic after worship service. Please join us.

**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.

**Wednesdays, 5 p.m.** – Bible Study in person, in Pastor’s Study or via Zoom.

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**Organist/Pianist**

**Hand Bell Director**

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Eric Tanouye, Eli Yamaki, Mace Peng

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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**

### **Church of the Holy Cross Office Hours**

Monday through Wednesday: 8 a.m. to 12 noon

Thursday: 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Friday: Closed