

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship November 23, 2025

Reign of Christ Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

United Black Christians Anniversary

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: Crown Him Rick Mazurowski

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:**(based on Luke 1:68-79) Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: Blessed be the LORD God, who has looked favorably on us and redeemed us.

People: God has raised up a mighty savior for us from the descendants of David.

Leader: God remembered the mercy promised to our ancestors long ago.

People: May we serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness all our days.

Leader: Because of the tender mercy of God, the dawn will break upon us from the sky,

People: To shine upon those who sit in darkness, to raise us up and guide us into the way of peace.

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #86:** When Morning Gilds the Skies (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 46) Jennifer Tanouye

God, you are our refuge and our strength; you are our help in trouble. The mountains shake and the seas foam, and though the breath catches in our mouths, we will not fear because we trust in you. Make the wars cease, O God. Break the bow; shatter the spear; burn the shields with fire. In the stillness, tell us again that you are God. Be with us, Holy One. Be our refuge. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: The King of Glory Rick Mazurowski

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:1-6 Jennifer Tanouye

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! Says the LORD. Therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

Luke 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Sermon: Righteous Shepherd 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 #304:** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering Jennifer Tanouye

Jesus offered us, then gave us, more than we could ever ask or expect. He gave us all of himself; he held nothing back. As we make our gifts today, we will not give everything; we are not the Messiah. But let us give what lifts our hearts, and let us give what will lift others' souls. 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: The Lord's My Shepherd 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** Jennifer Tanouye

Merciful Jesus, you gave forgiveness to those who crucified you. You gave assurance to one who suffered next to you. Receive our gifts as more than sour wine; accept them as thankful offerings of our hearts. Amen.

* **Hymn #301:** Crown with Your Riches Crowns (v. 1-5)

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Movement V "Toccata" from Widor's "Symphony No. 5 for Organ"
Rick Mazurowski

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Important Dates

Today, November 23 – J's Mini-Mart

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Cross Singers Rehearsal in the Lounge

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

Tuesdays, 4:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Singers Rehearsal in the Lounge

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – One Song from Church of the Holy Cross streamed live

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

Pastor Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator Stefan Tanouye

Vice Moderator Lorraine Davis

Lay Reader Jennifer Tanouye

Organist/Pianist Kayleen Yuda

Guest Organist Rick Mazurowski

Choir Director Bob Grove

Hand Bell Choir Director Anna Kennedy

IYAA Choir Director Stuart Mori

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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

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