

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship January 11, 2026
Baptism of Christ

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: As With Gladness

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

*** Call to Worship:** (based on 1 Corinthians 1:1-9)

Peter Braun

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **We are grateful for the grace that has been given to us in Jesus.**

Leader: In every way you have been enriched by Christ.

People: **We know more and we can speak more of God's love for all the world.**

Leader: May God strengthen you through all your days,

People: **For God is faithful and has called us to be partners with our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*** Hymn #167:** Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (v. 1-3)

*** Invocation** (based on Psalm 40:1-11)

Peter Braun

When we waited for you, O God, you listened to us and you heard our prayer. You have raised us from pits and bogs of our spirits and our lives, and set our feet upon firm and lofty places. We come to you with worship, not of sacrifice and offering, but of commitment and compassion. We have declared your salvation, we have declared your love in the great congregation. Bring to us your mercy again. Let your steadfast love keep us safe together. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Isaiah 42:1-9

Peter Braun

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,^[a]
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up

from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'

Sermon: Without Pride or Privilege

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 #169:** What Ruler Wades Through Murky Streams (v. 1-3)

Call to Offering

Peter Braun

In Jesus, God gave us not just an example, but a gift of full humanity. God joined us in our hardships and struggles so that we could be fully embraced by love. Let us share that love with those around us. 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: Andante

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**

Peter Braun

We thank you, O God, for Jesus, who has gone through the water, journeyed the roads, and faced the shadows of death with us. With these gifts we share the gifts of life and love with our neighbors, and we ask you to bless them with Jesus' love. Amen.

*** Hymn #170:** Your Ways Are Not Our Own (v. 1 -5)

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

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Andante

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Important Dates

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.

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Mercedes Gonzales

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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