

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: Trinity Blessed

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship:** (based on Psalm 112:1-10)

Faith Mishina

Leader: Praise the LORD! Happy are those who delight in God's commandments.

People: **They rise in the darkness as a light for those around them.**

Leader: It is well with those who deal graciously with their neighbors,

People: **Who conduct their business with justice. They will never be moved.**

Leader: Their hearts are steady. They will not be afraid.

People: **Their righteousness endures forever, for God holds their names in honor.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* **Hymn #181:** You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 1-4)

* **Invocation:** (based on 1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

Faith Mishina

We base our faith upon your power, O God, and upon your wisdom. Both your power and your wisdom are far above our ability to match or understand. We trust in your love and grace, revealed so surprisingly in Jesus' life, teaching, death, and resurrection. Grant us the mind of Christ to more fully appreciate your gifts, O God, as we rejoice to worship you. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Arabesques 1 in E Major, L.66 No. 1

Mace Peng

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-12

Faith Mishina

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!
Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.
Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,
as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;
they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.
'Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'
Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day,
and oppress all your workers.
Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.
Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.
Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?
Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?
Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the LORD?
Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loosen the bonds of injustice,
to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

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.

Matthew 5:13-20

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks^[b] one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon: Fulfilling the Law and the Prophets

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

Call to Offering

Faith Mishina

You are the light of the world. Jesus said so. Let your light shine with justice. Let your light shine with mercy. Let your light shine with giving. 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: Chapel Bells

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**

Faith Mishina

We cannot hide from the view of those around us, O God. We cannot hide the work of your Church in the world. May these gifts help us fulfill your call and your purposes, O God. May they help one and all to see your glory in us and in Creation. Amen.

*** Hymn #524: This Little Light (v. 1 -3)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Festive Trumpets

Kayleen Yuda

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

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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.

Help Needed

Help is needed with the altar decorations for Easter Sunday service. The pick-up of the lilies and placing them on the altar is generally done on the day before the Sunday morning service. If you are able to help out please contact Cindy Debus at 808-895-4011. Cindy will post information regarding lily purchase as soon as it has been secured.

Thank you for your willingness to assist with our Easter decorations.

Pastor

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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

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