

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship February 15, 2026
Transfiguration Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

Please note that audio and video of this service are being live streamed on the Internet and will be recorded. The right rear section of the sanctuary will not be captured by any cameras. Please be aware that in other sections you may be visible at times.

Prelude: Prelude of Two American Hymns Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome Rev. Eric S. Anderson

*** I'd like to invite those who are able, to please stand and join me in the Call to Worship** Nalyn Ang

Leader: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

People: **The rulers of the earth take counsel against the LORD and the LORD's anointed.**

Leader: They would loosen the bonds of righteousness and justice,

People: **But God is God, and will not abandon the people they rule.**

Leader: Be wise, O kings; be warned, rulers of the earth.

People: **Serve the LORD with reverence and faithfulness, for happy are those who take refuge in God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

*** Hymn #182:** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (v. 1-3)

*** Please join me in the Invocation** (based on Psalm 99) Nalyn Ang

Mighty Ruler, lover of justice, you have executed righteousness and justice in the faith of Jacob. Over the centuries you have answered the cries of those who sought your will and your aid. You were a forgiving God. You also held them to account, even the great ones like Moses and Samuel. We worship you, our God, at the foot of one of your mountains. Praise to you now and always! Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Some Children See Him Holy Cross Singers

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Exodus 24:12-18 Nalyn Ang

The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

Sermon: The Mountain 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 #327:** Jesus Loves Me (v. 1-3 Eng., v. 1 Hwn.)

Call to Offering Nalyn Ang

“Listen to Jesus.” That was the word the frightened disciples heard upon the mountain. They heard him with their ears; we hear him in our Scriptures and in our hearts. One of the things he says over and over is: “Share.” 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: God’s Love Surrounds Us 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

*** Please join me in the Offertory Prayer** Nalyn Ang

We thank you, God, that you have placed your shining grace in our hearts to spark our faith. May these gifts together provide light and grace to others who need your loving presence. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

*** Hymn #584:** I Am the Light of the World (v. 1 -4)

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Kayleen Yuda

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

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Today, February 15 – Deacons Meeting after worship service
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.

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 Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator Lorraine Davis

Vice Moderator Elwood Kita

Lay Reader Nalyn Ang

Chapel Decorations Hats Kamimura

Organist/Pianist Kayleen Yuda

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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

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