

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship March 29, 2026  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Palm/Passion Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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**Prelude:** All Glory, Laud, and Honor Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringing of the Bell**

**Welcome:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

\* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29) Cynthia Debus

**Leader:** Give thanks to the LORD, whose goodness endures forever!

**People:** **With all the world we proclaim: God's goodness endures forever!**

**Leader:** The builders rejected the stone, but God has made it the cornerstone,

**People:** **The power of the LORD brings marvels to our eyes.**

**Leader:** Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!

**People:** **Let us make a festive procession with the green leaves of joy!**

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

\* **Hymn #216:** All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-3)

\* **Invocation** (based on Isaiah 50:4-9) Cynthia Debus

**We strive to speak as you have taught us, God, to sustain the weary with a word. We strive to hear the needs of our neighbors and appreciate the blessings of the wind. Though we have suffered, we have endured through your help. Your vindication is ever near. When you help us and forgive us, how can we be guilty? How can we be afraid? Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** This Day of Gladness      Bell Choir

**Palm Sunday Gospel:** Matthew 21:1-11      Cynthia Debus

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet:

"Tell the daughter of Zion,  
Look, your king is coming to you,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!  
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

**Time with the Children**      Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Parade of the Palms #213:** Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (v. 1-3)

**Scripture:** Cynthia Debus

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
who, though he existed in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be grasped,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly  
and gave him the name  
that is above every other name,  
so that at the name given to Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

**Sermon:** Help Us!      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. Amen.**

**Call to Offering**      Cynthia Debus

Jesus' disciples searched for an animal for Jesus to ride, and somebody provided it. The people of Jerusalem searched for something to celebrate Jesus' arrival, and they brought cloaks and branches to soften the way. Jesus brought himself. What will we bring? 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:** Sweet Meditation      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**      Cynthia Debus

**We celebrate your presence in the world and in our lives, O God, with these gifts we lay before you. Accept them, we pray, along with the praise of our hearts and souls. May we always be glad of our faith in you. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #215: Ride On! Ride On in Majesty (v. 1 - 4)**

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**            Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**                Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Ride on in Triumph, O King                    Kayleen Yuda

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

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## **Important Dates**

**Today, March 29** – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship service

**Holy Week Services and Activities:**

**April 2, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.** – Maundy Thursday Worship in the Sanctuary

**April 3, Friday, 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.** – Good Friday, Sanctuary open for prayer

**April 4, Saturday, 9:00 a.m.** – Easter Egg Dyeing in J's Café

**April 5, Sunday, 9:00 a.m.** – Easter Egg Hunt in Lounge

**April 5, Sunday, 10:00 a.m.** – Easter Sunday 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, 5:00 p.m.** – Bible Study in person, in Pastor's Study or via Zoom

**Fridays, 10:00 a.m.** – Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

<b>Pastor</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Moderator</b>	Lorraine Davis
<b>Vice Moderator</b>	Elwood Kita
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cynthia Debus
<b>Chapel Decorations</b>	Setsuko Takemoto
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Kayleen Yuda
<b>Music Director-Accompanist</b>	Bob Grove
<b>Hand Bell Choir Director</b>	Anna Kennedy
<b>IYAA Choir Director</b>	Stuart Mori
<b>Sunday School Teacher</b>	Gloria Kobayashi
<b>Sunday School Aide</b>	Johanna Narruhn
<b>Image Artist</b>	Sue Smith
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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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