

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship April 19, 2026
3rd Sunday of Easter

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: Berceuse-James Denton

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 116:12-19)

Anne Sadayasu

Leader: What shall we return to the LORD for all we have received?

People: **Let us lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD!**

Leader: Let us pay our vows to the LORD in the presence of all people.

People: **Let us declare that the LORD holds us in life and in death.**

Leader: Let us offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the presence of all people!

People: **Here in God's house we will gather, sing, and pray.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

* **Hymn #255:** Jesus, Sovereign, Savior (v. 1 - 3)

* **Invocation** (based on 1 Peter 1:17-23)

Anne Sadayasu

We know the futility of much of what we do, O God. We, like those around us, pursue comforts and perishable things. Even silver and gold will eventually succumb to time. Strengthen our trust and confidence in you today, O God, for in the resurrection of Jesus we see that there is life greater than what we have experienced or imagined. Make us new again in this time of worship. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: O Dearest Lord, Thy Sacred Head; Were You There

Len Miyazano
Bob Grove
Eric Anderson

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Anne Sadayasu

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both
Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other
apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ
so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom
the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves
from this corrupt generation."

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand
persons were added.

Luke 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven
miles from Jerusalem,

and talking with each other about all these things that had happened.

While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them,
but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?"

They stood still, looking sad.

Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in
Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?"

He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was
a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people,
and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and
crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now
the third day since these things took place.

Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this
morning, and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they
had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive.

Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him."

Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared!

Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?"

Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on.

But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them.

Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight.

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together.

They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!"

Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon: The Moment of Recognition

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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.

* **Hymn #343:** Jesus Took the Bread (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering

Anne Sadayasu

We say that Jesus gave us his life, and he did. He gave us his life when he used it to teach and heal. He gave us his life when he died on the cross. He gave us his life when he rose and lived again. In response to such a gift, let us give as well. 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: Aria-Leonardo Vinci

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**

Anne Sadayasu

We rejoice in the life of Jesus given for us, O God. We honor that life with these gifts of our own, for the further life of the world. Amen.

*** Hymn #253: Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! (v. 1 – 3 Eng.)**

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: March from Two Oratorios

Kayleen Yuda

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

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March from Occasional Oratorio

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Today, April 19 – Board of 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, 5:00 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

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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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