

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Service of Worship May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday  
Strengthen the Church Offering

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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**Prelude:** Brother James Air Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringling of the Bell**

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

**Moment for Mission**

\* **Call to Worship** (based on 1 Corinthians 12:3-13) Lorraine Davis

Leader: There are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit,

**People: There are varieties of services but the same God.**

Leader: Each of us receives the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**People: The Spirit gives us wisdom and knowledge.**

Leader: The spirit gives us faith and healing.

**People: Just as the body is one and has many parts, we all drink from the one Spirit.**

**All: Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #272:** On Pentecost They Gathered (v. 1 – 4)

\* **Invocation** (based on Numbers 11:24-30) Lorraine Davis

**Moses once said, "Would that all God's people were prophets!" To be frank, O God, it is a gift that frightens us – yet we do pray for your Holy Spirit to guide us, encourage us, and strengthen us in faith and action. Put your Spirit upon us in this time of worship, and in all the times of our days. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** God Will Open Doors

Laural Bragg

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Scripture:** Lorraine Davis

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews<sup>[a]</sup> and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John 20:19-23

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**Sermon:** Receive the Holy Spirit

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.**

\* **Hymn #267:** Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us (v. 1-3)

**Call to Offering** Lorraine Davis

God gave us the gifts of the Holy Spirit to share with those around us: peace, forgiveness, life, joy, and understanding. Let us provide gifts that help others receive those blessings. 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:** Et Incarnatus 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** Lorraine Davis

**In Jesus' resurrection you have promised us life, peace, and forgiveness, O God, and through the gift of the Holy Spirit you have offered those to everyone in the world. May these gifts help us share life, peace, and forgiveness with those far and near. Amen.**

\* **Hymn #270:** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (v. 1 – 3)

**Please be seated**

**Announcements** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Rejoice, the Lord Is King Kayleen Yuda

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

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**Sundays, 8:30 a.m.** – Holy Cross Singers Rehearsal in the Lounge

**Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m.** – One Song from Church of the Holy Cross streamed live

**Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m.** – Bible Study in person, in Pastor's Study or via Zoom

**Fridays, 9:00 a.m.** – Bell Choir Rehearsal in the Building of Faith Meeting Room

**Pickleball Lessons** - Contact Connie 808-936-7534 or Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up

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**Moderator** Lorraine Davis

**Vice Moderator** Elwood Kita

**Lay Reader** Lorraine Davis

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**Guest Musician & Vocalist** Laural Bragg

**Organist/Pianist** Kayleen Yuda

**Music Director-Accompanist** Bob Grove

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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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