

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship May 31, 2026
Trinity Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: Create Within Me a Clean Heart Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship** (based on Matthew 28:16-20) Stefan Tanouye

Leader: After his resurrection, Jesus met his disciples on a mountain in Galilee.

People: They met him in worship and in wonder.

Leader: Jesus told them that he had been given authority over heaven and earth,

People: And he told them to make disciples of all people.

Leader: We come in worship and wonder to hear our commission once again:

People: To bring all people together in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #273:** Praise with Joy the World's Creator (v. 1 – 4)

* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 8) Stefan Tanouye

How majestic is your name in all the earth, O God! You have set your glory far beyond the heavens we can see, and at the same time you put your word in the mouths of children and infants. What are human beings that you care for us? Yet you have crowned us with glory, making us just a little lower than yourself. Be with us as we worship you today, O God, and hear our prayer and praise! In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Jubilate, Amen

Bell Choir

Time with the Children

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture:

Stefan Tanouye

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humans in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Sermon: Created 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 #276:** Holy God, We Praise Your Name (v. 1-4)

Call to Offering Stefan Tanouye

For love, God made a world, indeed a universe, full of wonder and beauty. For love, God has created life and given that life to us. What can we share in celebration of such astonishing gifts? 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: Canzona 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** Stefan Tanouye

Creator of the Universe, we bless you for the wonders of earth and stars and galaxies, and we bless you for life and love and beauty. Accept these gifts we offer today in thanks, praise, and worship. Amen.

*** Hymn #277:** Holy, Holy, Holy (v. 1 – 4)

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Gigue Kayleen Yuda

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

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Important Dates

Today, 11:30 a.m. – Board of Stewardship and Mission in the Lounge

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. – Membership Information Session in the Pastor's Study

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

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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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