

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship June 14, 2026
Third Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: O Master Let Me Walk with Thee

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 100)

Faith Mishina

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

People: Serve the LORD with gladness, come into God's presence with singing.

Leader: The LORD is God. God has made us.

People: We are God's people. We are the sheep of God's pasture.

Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and God's courts with praise!

People: We have come to give thanks and bless God's name.

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #13:** O My Soul, Bless Your Creator (v. 1 – 5)

* **Invocation** (based on Romans 5:1-8)

Faith Mishina

We thank you for the peace you have given us in Christ, O God, a peace which has brought us to grace. At the right time you sent Jesus, and he died for us and for all who were estranged from you. In this we find our hope, and in this we find our joy to worship you today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Born to Die for Me IYAA

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Faith Mishina

Exodus 19:2-8a

They journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: 'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one, "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

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 #586:** Come to Tend God's Garden (v. 1-3)

Call to Offering

Faith Mishina

Jesus told the twelve to rely upon the generosity of strangers as they brought healing and hopeful words to the villages of Galilee. Let us be the strangers for whom others may give thanks. 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**

* **Offertory Prayer**

Faith Mishina

We have homes and food and clothing, O God. We live in peace, at least for the most part. We present these gifts to you so that others may have homes, food, clothing, hope, and peace. Amen.

* **Hymn #532:** Come, Labor On (v. 1 – 4)

Please be seated

Announcements

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Great God Of Glory

Kayleen Yuda

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

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Important Dates

Today, 11:30 a.m. – Church Council in the Lounge

Friday, 11:00 a.m. – Service for Katherine “Mieke” Inouye in the Sanctuary

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

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – A Song from Church of the Holy Cross – see website

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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Lay Reader Faith Mishina

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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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