

# CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL

440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i

Service of Worship June 28, 2026

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Open and Affirming Sunday

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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**Prelude:** Pavane            Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Candles**

**Ringling of the Bell**

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

\* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18)                    Jennifer Tanouye

Leader: Let us sing of God's steadfast love.

**People: Let us sing of God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: Happy are the people who know the festival shout.

**People: Happy are those who walk in the light of God's face.**

Leader: God is the glory of our strength; we exalt in the LORD.

**People: The LORD is our protection, our safety, and our guide.**

**All:        Let us worship God!**

\* **Hymn #505:** Sweet Hour of Praise (v. 1 – 3)

\* **Invocation** (based on Romans 6:12-23)                    Jennifer Tanouye

**You have promised us forgiveness, O God, and you have freed us from our bondage to the sins of our past. May we now serve you in righteousness and in holiness! Through Jesus you have freed us to be sanctified and to know eternal life. For this we bless you at all times, and especially now as we gather in worship. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Please be seated**

# WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** Drei Romanzen

Bob Grove

**Time with the Children**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Scripture:**

Jennifer Tanouye

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Matthew 10:40-42

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

**Sermon:** Mister Bad News

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 #493:** O Jesus, I Have Promised (v. 1-3)

**Call to Offering**            Jennifer Tanouye

Jesus told his friends that even a drink of water for someone who is thirsty is a gift worthy of God's blessing. Let us take this opportunity to share what sustains body, mind, and soul with our neighbors. 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: A Song of Peace**            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**            Jennifer Tanouye

**You have given us Good News in and through Jesus, O God. May we be found among those who share that good news in word and in deed with neighbors near and far. Accept and bless these gifts so that bodies, minds, and spirits might be refreshed in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**\* Hymn #498: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (v. 1 – 5)**

**Please be seated**

**Announcements**            Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Benediction**            Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude: God of Our Father**            Kayleen Yuda

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

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**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

**Pickleball Lessons** - Contact Connie 808-936-7534 or

Ruth at rnduponte07@gmail.com to sign up

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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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