

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Roach, Guest Pastor

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Prelude: Meditation On Asian Hymns Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome: Rev. Jonathan Roach

* **Call to Worship** (based on Isaiah 55:1-5) John Narruhn

Leader: Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters, and be refreshed.

People: We come this day for our thirsty souls to be renewed.

Leader: Whether you have money or not, come buy and eat!

People: The LORD has promised to meet our needs in body and soul.

Leader: Why would anyone spend their earnings on what does not satisfy?

People: We come this day to God, the source of life and light.

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #475:** God's Eye Is on the Sparrow (v. 1 – 3)

* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 17:1-7, 15) John Narruhn

Hear a just cause, O LORD. Attend to the cries of our need and the cries of others who long for justice and long for peace. Bring your vindication and your steadfast love. We shall be satisfied to behold your face in righteousness, as we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: One Bread One Body Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children Rev. Jonathan Roach

Scripture: John Narruhn

Genesis 8:6-12

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him anymore.

John 1:29-34

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Chosen One."

Sermon: On the Wings of a Dove Rev. Jonathan Roach

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Jonathan Roach

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.

Call to Offering John Narruhn

The wings of doves have brought signs of salvation to those who sought for assurance in the midst of difficulty. Through our gifts, may we be the doves who bring hope to those who struggle to nourish their bodies and their souls. 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: I Need Thee Every Hour 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** John Narruhn

O giver of all that is good, accept what we offer here. With it we bring our desire to aid our companions on life's journey, and we bring our deep love for you. Amen.

*** Hymn #562:** Take My Gifts (v. 1-3)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn #282:** Every Time I Feel the Spirit (v. 1 – 2)

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Jonathan Roach

Benediction Rev. Jonathan Roach

Postlude: Toccata: Rejoice Always Kayleen Yuda

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

Permissions:

Meditation on Asian Hymns

Hymn Tunes from the New Century Hymnal-1995 #Tokyo; #33 Toa-Sia,
#333 Sheng En, A

God's Eye Is on the Sparrow

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I Need Thee Every Hour

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Every Time I Feel the Spirit

African-American spiritual

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Toccata: Rejoice Always

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Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – A Song from Church of the Holy Cross – Cancelled this week

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – Bible Study cancelled this week

Pickleball Lessons - Contact Connie 808-936-7534 or
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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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