

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
Service of Worship September 6, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

Please note that audio and video of this service are being live streamed on the Internet and will be recorded. The right rear section of the sanctuary will not be captured by any cameras. Please be aware that in other sections you may be visible at times.

Prelude: Refresh My Heart, Oh God Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ring of the Bell

Welcome: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

*** Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 149) Mace Peng

Leader: Praise the LORD! Sing a new song to God in the assembly of the faithful.

People: We are glad of our maker and rejoice in our God.

Leader: Praise God's name with dancing; make melody with instruments and voices.

People: With all the faithful we will sing for joy wherever we might be.

Leader: The LORD takes pleasure in the people, adorning the humble with success.

People: May there be glory for God's faithful ones. Praise the LORD!

All: Let us worship God!

*** Hymn #12:** I Sing the Mighty Power of God (v. 1 – 3)

*** Invocation** (based on Psalm 119:33-40) Mace Peng

Teach us again the ways of your will, O God. We will try once more to observe them to the end. Give us understanding, that we may keep your laws with our whole hearts. Lead us in the ways of your commandments, for we delight to live in love. Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Omochu Pei, Maing Ai Samon (*Hold my hand, my Lord*) IYAA

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Mace Peng

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Matthew 18:15-20

"If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Sermon: Love Fulfills the Law 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.

Call to Offering Mace Peng

Paul wrote that love fulfills the law. Let us love in this moment by sharing what we have with people who have needs: needs of body, mind, or spirit. 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: Morning 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** Mace Peng

We pray that you receive these gifts, O God, from your loving people. We pray that you turn them to new purposes of love, O God, and create a world more like the one you have envisioned. Amen.

*** Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-3)**

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Hymn #393: Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (v. 1 – 4)**

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Postlude Kayleen Yuda

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

Permissions:

Refresh My Heart, O God

By Robert J. Powell © 2021 Lorenz Publishing Company.

All rights reserved. Streamed by permission ONELICENSE A-735890

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Text by Isaac Watts, 1715

Tune ELLACOMBE from Gesangbuch der herzoglichen

Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784

Public Domain

Omochu Pei, Maing Ai Samon (Hold my hand, my Lord)

Streamed by permission ONELICENSE A-735890

As We Gather at Your Table

Text by Carl P. Daw, 1989

© 1989 Hope Publishing Company

Tune BEACH SPRING first pub. 1844

Harm. © 1992 The Pilgrim Press

Streamed by permission ONELICENSE A-735890

Morning

By William Stickles. © 1950 Ethel Smith Music Corp.

Streamed by permission ONELICENSE A-735890 All rights reserved.

Blessed Be the Tie That Binds

Text by John Fawcett, 1782

Public Domain

Tune DENNIS by Johann G. Nageli, d. 1836

Adapt. by Lowell Mason, 1845

Public Domain

Postlude

By George Frederick McKay. © 1969.

Streamed by permission ONELICENSE A-735890

Important Dates

After Worship – Board of Trustees, Lounge

Saturday, September 19 – Walk to End Alzheimer's, Lili'uokalani Gardens, registration at 7:30 AM; walk or donate a pledge to someone walking on behalf of our church (contact Nina or Anne)

Thursday, September 24, 7:00 p.m. – The Organ Virtuosos, Walter Greenwood & Rick Mazurowski – Kama'aina Concert Series

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

Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – Pastor's Study

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

Pastor Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator Lorraine Davis

Vice Moderator Elwood Kita

Lay Reader Mace Peng

Chapel Decorations Joyce Nakamoto

Organist/Pianist Kayleen Yuda

Music Director-Accompanist Bob Grove

Hand Bell Choir Director Evan Montemayor

IYAA Choir Director Stuart Mori

Sunday School Teacher Gloria Kobayashi

Sunday School Aide Johanna Narruhn

Image Artist Sue Smith

Live Stream Director Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Sound Engineer & Assistant Director Ben Yamaki

Videographers Eric Tanouye, Mace Peng, Bob
Smith, Cindy Debus, Woody Kita

Office Manager Kahealani Mahone-Brooks

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **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

We welcome you to worship this day. Church of the Holy Cross seeks to help its members, friends, and visitors follow the guidance of God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, encouraging all people to love one another according to the teachings of Jesus. We live and teach the faith, speak good news, minister to people near and far, and work with other households of faith and helping agencies to improve our community and our world. To learn more visit our website at holycrosshilo.com.



If you wish to donate to the church electronically, please scan this QR code.