CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Service of Worship November 8, 2026
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

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Prelude: Near to the Heart of God Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Candles

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

* **Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 78:1-7) Stefan Tanouye

Leader: Give ear, O people to the words of the wise.
People: We will listen to the parables and advice of the ages.

Leader: We have heard these things and known them from our ancestors' mouths.
People: We will share them with our children. They shall know of God's wonders.

Leader: God commanded us to wisdom and to keep the commandments.
People: God commanded us to pass them to each generation in faithfulness.

All: Let us worship God!

* **Hymn #112:** Keep Awake, Be Always Ready (v. 1 – 2)

* **Invocation** (based on Psalm 70) Stefan Tanouye

Deliver us, O God, and make haste to help us in our troubles and distress. When others act against us, protect us from their malice. When we commit folly on our own, help us to recover our wisdom. Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation proclaim, "God is great!" Amen.

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: I Will Sing of the Mercies Kayleen Yuda

Time with the Children Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Scripture: Stefan Tanouye

Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths
and meets them in every thought.

Matthew 23:1-12
"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Sermon: Light of Wisdom 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 #496:** Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1-2)

Call to Offering Stefan Tanouye

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, like the love and grace of God, given to us so freely. Let us be radiant and unfading, sharing our gifts with those around us, so that our community may shine in the night. 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: Canzonet 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

Author of wisdom, crafter of the Universe, source of grace, accept these gifts offered by your creations. May they become part of your great blessings to the world. Amen.

* **Hymn #436:** God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1 – 5)

Please be seated

Announcements Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Benediction Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Postlude: Fanfare Kayleen Yuda

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

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Today, After Worship – Church Council meeting in the Lounge

Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m. – Brazilian Jazz – Kamaaina Concert Series

Sundays, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Cross Singers Rehearsal in the Lounge
Sundays, 1:00 p.m. – Na Kani O Kalani (Bell Choir) Rehearsal in the Building of Faith meeting room.

Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – A Song from Church of the Holy Cross (see holycrosshilo.com)
Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. – Bible Study in Pastor's Study or via Zoom (link in *The Weekly Chime*)

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

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in memory of Kenneth & Kenny Tanouye
Organist/Pianist Kayleen Yuda
Music Director-Accompanist Bob Grove
Na Kani O Kalani (Bells) Director Evan Montemayor
IYAA Choir Director Stuart Mori
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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

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