



**Holy Cross United Methodist Church**  
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***We welcome you to worship with us***

***The altar design is from Holy Cross UMC to honor our new Pastor, Rev. Heilala Ahio***

**SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Light of Christ Enters**

**Worship Leaders, Germaine Burke, Vaitafa Heimoana**

**Welcome to Worship / Passing the Peace**

**Vaitafa Heimoana**

**Return to seats singing: *This Is the Day***

**UMH 657**

**Ui ki he lotu Saame 30 / Call to Worship Psalm 30**

**A psalm, a song for the temple dedication, of David.**

I exalt you, Lord, because you pulled me up;  
you didn't let my enemies celebrate over me.  
**Lord, my God, I cried out to you for help,  
and you healed me.**  
Lord, you brought me up from the grave,  
brought me back to life from among those going  
down to the pit.  
**You who are faithful to the Lord,  
sing praises to him;  
give thanks to his holy name!**  
His anger lasts for only a second,  
but his favor lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping may stay all night,  
but by morning, joy!  
**When I was comfortable, I said,  
"I will never stumble."**  
**Because it pleased you, Lord,  
you made me a strong mountain.**  
But then you hid your presence.  
I was terrified.  
I cried out to you, Lord.  
I begged my Lord for mercy:  
"What is to be gained by my spilled blood,  
by my going down into the pit?  
Does dust thank you?  
Does it proclaim your faithfulness?  
Lord, listen and have mercy on me!  
Lord, be my helper!"

“Eiki, kuo ke fakahā‘ele hake hoku laumālie mei  
Hētesi; Meiate kinautolu ‘oku hifo ki he luo, kuo ke ui  
mai ‘eku mo‘ui.

**Hiva saame kia Sihova, ‘a ‘ene kau lotu,  
Fakamālō‘ia hono ongoongo toputapu.”**

“Na‘a ke fufū ho fofonga; Na‘a ku puputu‘u leva. Ko  
koe, ‘Eiki, na‘a ku tautapa ki ai; Pea u fai ‘eku hū kia  
‘Ātonai: “Ko e hā ha koloa ‘e ma‘u mei hoku toto?  
Mei ha‘aku ‘alu hifo ki he Luo? ‘E ‘atu ‘e he efu ha  
fakafeta‘i? Te ne fakahā koā ho‘o fai mo‘oni?”  
Fanongo, ‘Eiki, pea ke ‘ofa mai; ‘E Sihova, hoko koe  
ko hoku tokoni.”

You changed my mourning into dancing.  
You took off my funeral clothes  
and dressed me up in joy  
so that my whole being  
might sing praises to you and never stop.

ALL: Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you  
forever.

P: “Kuo ke liliu ‘eku tangilāulau ko e me‘a ke u  
me‘e ai; Kuo ke vete hoku tauanga‘a, ‘o no‘o ‘aki  
‘a e fiefia lahi: Koe‘uhi ā ke hiva ki he ‘Afiona ‘E  
hoku lāngilangi, ‘o ‘oua ‘e tūkua.

ALL: Lord, my God, I will give thanks to you  
forever.

## Litany of Welcome

**Kathy Kimber:** Dear friends, our Bishop Sandra Olewine has appointed Rev. Heilala Ahio, to be our pastor, to live among us now with all the privileges and responsibilities of pastoral ministry. This stole represents our covenant to serve Christ together as pastor and people. We place this stole on your shoulders as a symbol of our ministry. This is the beginning of our new relationship with you, and you with us, in Christ Jesus.

**Pastor Heilala:** I accept this stole and will wear it as a symbol of our covenant to serve Christ together. Sometimes the burdens will be heavy, but we are bound together in Christ. He has promised that his yoke is easy and his burden light. I ask for your prayers, and I promise my faithfulness.

**People:** We will share the yoke of Christ with you.

**Hymn of Praise** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

UMH 66

*We invite our young people forward for the Children’s Moment  
AND invite you to write your prayer requests on the green card. I will collect them in a moment.*

*ko e taimi ‘eni e fanau pea mou katai mai ki mu’a ni.*

**Young People’s Moment /Taimi ‘e talanoa ma ‘ae fanau.**

**Rev. Heilala Ahio**

Oh how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
Oh how I love Jesus, Because he first loved me.

**Action Song**

**Moungaloa Children**

**We Share our Prayers and Praises / Taimi vahevahe ‘a e ngaahi tapuaki pea mo ‘omi ho’o  
mou ngaahi kole lotu.**

**Germaine Burke**

**Prayer Chorus / Hiva ki he taimi lotu.**

What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer!

**Prayer Response: Lord, hear our Prayer**

**Praise Response: Thanks be to God**

**Tali Lotu: ‘Eiki, fanongo mai ki he’emau Lotu .**

**Tali : Fakafeta’i ki he ‘Otua**

**God Is at Work in Our Lives**

**Germaine Burke**

**‘Oku Ngāue ‘a e ‘Otua ‘i he’etau Mo‘uí.**

Please email prayer requests/answers to: [shamlynlee@gmail.com](mailto:shamlynlee@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Prayer / Lotu 'a e faifekau**

**Rev. Heilala Ahio**

**Offertory / Taimi 'etau lii 'etau ngaahi Me'a'ofa**

**Wayne Mock**

**Doxology**

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to You let earth accord;  
You are, while endless ages run, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.  
AMEN.**

**Prayer of Dedication / Lotu Fakatapui me'a'ofa**

**Rev. Kalatini Ahio**

**Hymn of Preparation** *God of Grace and God of Glory (vss1,4)*

**UMH 577**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**English-Halaevalu Mataele  
Tongan- Toilea MOUNGALOA**

After these things, the Lord commissioned seventy-two others and sent them on ahead in pairs to every city and place he was about to go. He said to them, "The harvest is bigger than you can imagine, but there are few workers. Therefore, plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out workers for his harvest. Go! Be warned, though, that I'm sending you out as lambs among wolves. Carry no wallet, no bag, and no sandals. Don't even greet anyone along the way. Whenever you enter a house, first say, 'May peace be on this house.' If anyone there shares God's peace, then your peace will rest on that person. If not, your blessing will return to you. Remain in this house, eating and drinking whatever they set before you, for workers deserve their pay. Don't move from house to house. Whenever you enter a city and its people welcome you, eat what they set before you. Heal the sick who are there, and say to them, 'God's kingdom has come upon you.' Whenever you enter a city and the people don't welcome you, go out into the streets and say, 'As a complaint against you, we brush off the dust of your city that has collected on our feet. But know this: God's kingdom has come to you.'

Whoever listens to you listens to me. Whoever rejects you rejects me. Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

The seventy-two returned joyously, saying, "Lord, even the demons submit themselves to us in your name."

Jesus replied, "I saw Satan fall from heaven like lightning. Look, I have given you authority to crush snakes and scorpions underfoot. I have given you authority over all the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. Nevertheless, don't rejoice because the spirits submit to you. Rejoice instead that your names are written in heaven."

**Worship Leader:** *The Word of God for the people of God.*

**All:** *Thanks be to God*

**Worship Leader:** *Ko e Folofola 'a e 'Otua ma'ae kakai 'o e 'Otua. Katoa: Fakafeta'i ki he 'Otua.*

**Sermon / Malanga** *How to Get the Job Done*

**Rev. Heilala Ahio**

**Holy Communion / Sakalameniti 'o e 'Ohomohe.**

**UMH 15**

**Hymn of Purpose** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**TFWS 2153**

**Going Forth - Opportunities to Learn & Serve**

**Germaine Burke**

**The Sending Forth & Benediction**

**Rev. Heilala Ahio**

**Song for Going Forth** *May You Run and Not Be Weary*

**TFWS 2281**

**The Light of Christ Goes into the World**

**Worship Leaders**

**Postlude**

**Wayne Mock**

### **Holy Cross UMC, Staff and Volunteers**

**Pastor**.....**Rev. Heilala Ahio**

**Worship Leaders**.....**Germaine Burke/Vitafa Heimoana**

**Church Office Administrator**.....**Temple Gallagher**

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**AV Coordinator**.....**Joanna Muli**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Welcome Rev. Heilala Ahio! After today's service at 12:30 pm there will be a potluck meal with music, dancing and shared words of welcome.

**JULY COMUNION OFFERING will go towards MERCY PEDALERS & all their wondrous work in the community. Give generously.**

**North Stockton MERCY PEDALERS** We go out on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays to serve the unsheltered community. For more information, please contact Sham Sealey at 209-479-4981 or Rita Steele at 858-414-3020. You can also donate to our ministry on the church website or by putting something in the offering plate (in an envelope) marked for Mercy Pedalers. Thank you, Holy Cross for your continued support. Rita Steele, chairperson.

### **FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEKS**

**July 13-20, September 7-14, November 16-23**

It's a great program and a great time to volunteer. See Tracy or Rita for more information.

**HOLY CROSS DIRDAK SCHOLARSHIP-** This is a scholarship for Graduating HIGHSCHOOL SENIORS ONLY! To get an application, contact the Church Office at 209-472-2177 or email [holycrossumc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:holycrossumc@sbcglobal.net). Scholarships are due JULY 31, 2025 by 5 pm.