

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
4th Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016
Rev. Eric Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric Anderson

Prelude: Toccata in A Minor -- *Sweelinck*

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise.

Call to Worship

Leader: Rise up!

People: We come to worship you, O God! We are ready to be filled with your presence.

Leader: Rise up!

People: All honor and glory and blessing are yours, O God, forever and ever!

Leader: Rise up!

People: We lift our hands and praise your name! You are the good shepherd who cares for the flock. We hear your voice and we follow you.

Leader: Rise up!

People: We answer your call to be present; to go beyond these walls, praising your name, sharing mercy, and witnessing to the power of your love. Rise up!

Hymn: #436 God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1-3)

Invocation (Unison)

Loving God, we come before you with great thanks and praise. We are reminded every day of your loving presence and your promise to be with us in the hardest of

times. We come together today with our preoccupations and our concerns. Help us set those aside for the moment and be present with you, God, and with one another in this space. Help us draw close to you and feel the Holy Spirit moving among us during this time of worship. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Rev. Eric Anderson

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle

Lord's Prayer (using 'debts' and 'debtors') in unison

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 and ever. A-men.

After the Lord's Prayer, please pass the peace of Christ to your neighbor on your left and right, after which, please be seated. Children leave for Sunday school.

Anthem: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us – *Bradbury*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: Psalm 23
Acts 9:36-43

Sermon: "Rising Up is Hard to Do"

Rev. Eric Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric Anderson

Please remain seated

Hymn: #479 God is My Shepherd vs. 1-5

Invitation to the Offering:

Offertory: A Sound of Bells – *Simone*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
 Praise Him all creatures here below
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost -- Amen

Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

Gracious God, your gifts are so many we cannot count them all. You lead us, guide us, and restore us when we need it most. May we recall this generosity now and remember the examples of Tabitha and other in the early church who shared what they had, and gave to those in need. We offer these gifts to you and pray that you bless them for the work of ministry. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #314 Community of Christ vs. 1, 2 and 4

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: #496 – Ekolu Mea Nui vs. 1

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festive Postlude – *Rogers*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Esther Kodani, Newton Chu, Margaret Torigoe

Flowers: Alice Fujimoto and Roberta Chu

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Pearl “Momi” Lyman

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Jennifer Tanouye

Dates to Remember

- Today – Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sunday, April 24 – Bread for the World Sale
- Sunday, April 24 – Board of Deacons Meeting
- Sunday, May 1 – Communion
- Sunday, May 1 – Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Sunday, May 8 – Council Meeting

Special Announcement**

Rhythm & Life exercise classes are canceled for April 26 and May 4. Classes will resume on Tuesday, May 10.

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Choir Practice**, 8:30 a.m. Sunday in the Sanctuary and 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm on Tuesday in the sanctuary
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the lounge.
- ****Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the BoF (Canceled for April 26 and May 4, 2016)
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the BoF
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets every Thursday at 9:00 am in the Lounge
- **Qigong** meets every Friday at 9:00-10:30 am in the BoF
- **Hand Bell Choir** every Saturday at 1 pm in J's Café

Other Faith Groups that meet at Church of the Holy Cross

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the Sanctuary on Sunday from 2 pm to 4 pm and Wednesday from 6 to 7 pm
Rev. Stiven Pousima; Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – 10am to noon in the Building of Faith.
Rev. Ichiro Annes
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Take Sunia
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, 4 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Brandy Karben
- **Muslim Community Group** meets every Friday at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith Meeting Room