

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
6th Sunday of Easter, May 01, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting

Stuart Mori

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric Anderson

Prelude: A Song of Peace – *Hutson*

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise. (Unison reading in **bold** text)

Call to Worship

Leader: Friends, let us gather at the city of God.

People: Here God comes to dwell in our midst.

Leader: Here there will be no sun or moon...

People: for the glory of God will be all the light we need.

Leader: There will be no night,

People: and the doors will never be shut.

Leader: The river of life flows through that city,

People: and we will dwell there in the presence of God forever.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #597: Shall We Gather at the River (vs. 1, 2, 4)

Invocation – Unison

Come, Lamb of God, light our path as we gather today. Open the gates of our minds and our hearts that your word may penetrate to the depth of our being.

Lead us to the river of the water of life and refresh us for the work you have set for us. Sit us down under the tree of life and let us rejoice in the diversity of its fruit and witness to the healing of nations. Show us your glory, Sovereign One as we come to worship you. Amen.

Gloria Patri
Please be seated

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 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. Amen.

Anthem: Awake, Awake to Love and Work – Studdert-Kenney Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: Psalm 67
 Acts 16:9-15

Sermon: "Who Knows What You'll Find by the River?"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People
 (Please remain seated for the hymn)

Rev. Eric Anderson

Hymn #321: Break Now the Bread of Life

Invitation to the Offering:

All of God's love is extended to all, but the blessings of creation come mixed with strife and sorrow, trial and trouble. With our gifts, we give thanks for God's love,

flowing out upon us and all the universe, and with our gifts, we offer our care to those now suffering, to make God's love, and our love, into something they can touch or taste. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: Interlude – Harris

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

Each day with words, or with silence, or with skilled hands turned to tending, farmers ask your blessing on the seeds sprouting, or the plants blossoming, in their greenhouses or fields. We ask your blessing on these gifts with a farmer's prayer: may they sprout, and grow, and come to blossom and to fruit to delight the eye, satisfy the body, and enrich the soul. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1, 4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response – Arise, Shine for Your Light has Come

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festal Fanfare – *Nixon*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Woody & Jean Kita, Erin Okuda, Mary Ann Katayama, Saeko Hayashi

Flowers: Malia Mattos

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 Shiohita

Childcare: Eileen Shiraishi

Dates to Remember

- Today – Communion
- Today – Board of Christian Education
- Sunday, May 8 – Council Meeting
- Saturday, May 14 – Church Trustees Service Day
- Sunday, May 15 – Receive offering for Strengthen the Church

Special Announcement**

Rhythm & Life exercise classes are canceled for 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 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