

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
7th Sunday of Easter, May 8, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric Anderson

Prelude: Fantasia – Pachelbel

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God rules the Earth with justice:

People: Earth and Earth’s people rejoice!

Leader: All nature serves God:

Fire clears the way and lightning lights God’s path.

People: Earth and Earth’s people rejoice!

Leader: The heavens proclaim God’s righteousness;

All peoples behold God’s glory:

People: Earth and Earth’s people rejoice!

Leader: Delight in God, O coastlands and heartlands;

Give thanks to God, O faithful ones:

People: Earth and Earth’s people rejoice!

Hymn #426: O God, Whose Steadfast Love (v. 1, 2, 4)

Invocation – Unison

Mysterious God, you invite us to share in the unity of all that is Holy: the holiness that is You, your creation, your people. Meet us here today and teach us to be one: One in love for each other, One in love for Creation, One in understanding with all

who find in Jesus the Way to You, One in peace with all who find other paths to your Truth. We ask all this in the name of Jesus, whose fervent prayer was ever: "May they all be one." 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 for the

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: You Raise Me Up - [Rolf Løvland](#) and [Brendan Graham](#).

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

Arranged by Pedro Ka'awaloa

Scriptures: Acts 16:16-34
John 17:20-26

Sermon: A Mother's Prayer

Rev. Eric Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric Anderson

(Please remain seated for the hymn)

Hymn #543: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life (v. 1, 2, 6)

Invitation to the Offering:

Any time we give, any time we are generous to another, God smiles. God smiles at a small gift as widely as at a great one. God smiles when we give to just one person,

and God smiles when we gather our gifts together to serve many people. Bring your offerings, friends: Let God smile.

Offertory: Allegretto – *Wesley*

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

Loving God, you invite all who are thirsty to come and drink from the waters of life. Use our gifts, our time, our talents to spread that good news, that all who are thirsty – for justice, for new life, for another chance, for a glimpse of hope – may find it. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn #286: Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v 1, 3, 4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: #580 – The Queen’s Prayer

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in F – *Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Flowers: Laura Ota

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: Woody Kita

Dates to Remember

- Today – Council Meeting
- Saturday, May 14 – Church Trustees Service Day
- Sunday, May 15 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- Sunday, May 15 – Receive offering for Strengthen the Church
- Sunday, May 21 – Trustees Service Day

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
- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric (all classes in pastor's office):**
 - Sundays, 8:30 am – A Survey of the Bible
 - Wednesdays, 9:30 am – Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service
 - Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – Gospels of Luke and John
- **IYAA Bible Study** Wednesday at 7:30 pm in The Lounge.
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, every Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the BoF
- **Ballroom Dance** class meets every Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the BoF
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele** meets Thursdays at 9 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** – 10 am 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