

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, May 29, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellum

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Scenes from Childhood No. 9, Knight of the Hobbyhorse

– by Robert Schumann

Kanako Okita

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God, maker of heaven and earth.

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed and gives food for the hungry.

People: God sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

People: God watches over the strangers and upholds the orphan and the widow.

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Hymn #72: Sekai no Tomo (v. 1 Japanese, v. 1-2 English)

Invocation – Unison

Faithful God, you draw near to us in our joy and in our grief, in our hope and in our despair. When we are bowed down, you raise us anew. We turn to you now in search of your healing touch. God of compassion and love, move among us this hour. Open

our eyes, dispel our fears, and show us the real life you have to offer. We pray this in the name of the Risen One, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Please be seated

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Rev. Eric S. 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

International Young

Adult Association

Scriptures: Psalm 96
Luke 7:1-10

Sermon: "Healing the Centurion's Servant"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn #576: For the Healing of the Nations (v. 1, 2, 4)

Invitation to the Offering:

On this day, we pause from our work and play to give our praise to God, and listen for the Spirit in our hearts. In this moment, we bring what our labor has produced in thanks and praise, and to acknowledge this great truth: All days are sacred to our God, and in all days we seek to know God's will for our lives. Let the gifts of all our days now be received.

Offertory: Scenes from Childhood No. 1, Of Foreign Lands and Peoples

by Robert Schumann

Kanako Okita

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

May we open our hearts and lives to the song of God in the world, the one which rises from the people and the trees, the birds and the rain. With the blessing of our gifts, may the seeds of this song sprout in the lives of all who are touched by this church. Amen.

Closing Hymn #610: My Eyes Have Seen the Glory (v. 1, 3, 4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response – Amazing Grace (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Scenes from Childhood No. 6, An Important Event

by Robert Schumann

Kanako Okita

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Flowers: Anita Mathews

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: Michi Koizumi

Dates to Remember

- Today, May 29 – Board of Stewardship and Mission Meeting
- Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day, CHC Office Closed
- Sunday, June 5 – Communion
- Sunday, June 5 – Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Monday, June 6 – Begin Ramadan
- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, June 6, 7, & 8 – Vacation Bible School

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:**
- 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
- Bible studies are held in Pastor Eric's office – you are invited
- **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 **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 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