

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
3rd Sunday after Pentecost--June 5, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Invention No. 1—*Johann Sebastian Bach*

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 #179: We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (v. 1-3)

Invocation in Unison

Amazing God, we come to you today with many differences, yet we know that you are constant. By whatever name we call you, we come knowing that you are a God who answers us. You are a God that renews us, you are a God who gives us life afresh, you are a God who shows us new directions.

Be with us as we continue our journey together this day. 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.

Please be seated

Anthem: Dona Nobis Pacem—*arr. Harry Robert Wilson*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: 1 Kings 17:8-24

Luke 7:11-17

Sermon: "Gifts of the Prophet; Gifts to the Prophet"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn #477: Though Falsely Some Revile or Hate Me (v. 1, 3-5)

Invitation to the Offering:

When Elijah asked the widow for food, she had nothing to lose. Her sharing could only be temporary, the short length of time her supplies would last. To her astonishment, she found that once she shared, she had enough to share again, and again, and again. There is a miracle in taking that first step, as well as finding the

resources to share the second time, and more. Let us step out in faith and give together.

Offertory: Invention No. 4 – *Johann Sebastian Bach*

Kanako Okita

Please rise if you are able

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 in Unison

Gracious God, we give these gifts because you ask us to share. We dedicate this offering and our lives to your service that the hungry may be fed, the oppressed may receive justice, and the stranger may be welcomed in our midst. We offer this prayer in the name of the bearer of your good news, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Hymn #336: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face (v. 1-3)

Please be seated

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 #471: What a Covenant (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response – #393 Blessed Be the Tie That Binds (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Three Romances Op. 94 No.2 –Robert Schuman Kanako Okita and JP Thoma

Special Announcement

Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, the United Church of Christ's Minister for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, will deliver the message during worship on Sunday, June 12, 2016 here at Church of the Holy Cross. Please join us.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Stefan & Jennifer Tanouye, Ken Tanouye, Jean Tanouye

Flowers: Eileen Shiraishi

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: Jane Kawazoe

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pre-Service Music: Bob and Sue Smith

Projected Imagery: Sue Smith

Dates to Remember

- Today, June 5 – Board of Christian Education Meeting
- Today, June 5 – Communion
- 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 3:00 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 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