

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
6th Sunday after Pentecost, June 26, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

JP Thoma

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: What A Friend We Have in Jesus --*Converse*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship (Unison reading in **bold** text)

Leader: God's way is holy.

All: God works wonders.

Leader: God has led the people in the past

All: And calls us into the future.

Leader: As we listen for the voice of change

All: Mmay we be guided by the Spirit.

Leader: Through the Spirit let us hear God's call among us.

All: God is with us, guiding us in this time and place.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

Hymn #70: God Is Here! As We Your People Meet (v. 1-2, 4)

Invocation in Unison

Gracious God, we give thanks for the constancy and change that make up our days. We give thanks for those who break with convention, create new possibilities, and step out in new ways to live in and share the love of God. May we hear the voice of growth today. Let us hear the ways in which we have been prepared, led, and guided for such a time as this. Stir within us the grace and courage to pursue the spirit of Jesus and in that spirit, lead lives of love. 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: Romance #2—*by Robert Schumann*

Kanako Okita and JP Thoma

Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Luke 9:51-62

Sermon: "Now You've Invited Me to Ask..."

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn #290: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus told his followers that he had no place to lay his head. Too often, he still has no place to lay his head, for he is our homeless neighbor, our struggling neighbor, our sorrowing neighbor, our despairing neighbor. So that Jesus may lay down his head for sleep in security, in hope, and in love, let our morning offering now be received.

Offertory: Chant Du Soir —*Bossi*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Jesus, accept these gifts presented now to you. Lift hearts with them. Fill bellies with them. Build roofs with them. Change lives with them. Since we are yours as they are yours: Change lives with us. Amen.

Hymn #358: God of the Prophets (v. 1-2, 4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #76 – Sent Forth by God’s Blessing (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festal Fanfare – *Nixon*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Malia Mattos

Moderator: Woody Kita

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane Sensei

Office Manager: Pearl “Momi” Lyman

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pre-Service Music: Bob and Sue Smith

Projected Imagery: Sue Smith

Announcement

The Sacred Place Where Life Begins: Gwich'in Women Speak
"We Are the Arctic"

Film Screening, Book Signing & Talk Story with Miho Aida (Director, co-author)
Sunday, June 26th after Worship in Building of Faith
11:30am – 12:30pm

Dates to Remember

- Today, June 26 – J's Mini-Mart
- Sunday, July 3 – Communion
- Monday, July 4 – Independence Day (CHC office closed)
- Thursday, July 7 – Ramadan ends
- Sunday, July 10 – Church Council Meeting

This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **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
- 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**, Tuesdays at 3:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele**, Thursdays at 9 am in The Lounge
- **Qigong**, Fridays at 9:00 am in the Building of Faith
- **Hand Bell Choir** Saturdays 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, Rev. Henry Wilson
- **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

