

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, July 31, 2016  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jean Pierre Thoma

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude: I Will Serve Thee – Gaither-Hughes**

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!

**People:** **The people God loves have been gathered in from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.**

**Leader:** Some have wandered, finding no safety, hungry and thirsty.

**People:** **In their trouble they cried out to God who delivered them from distress.**

**Leader:** Let us thank our God for steadfast love for all humankind.

**People:** **For God satisfies the thirsty, and fills the hungry with good things.**

**All:** **O give thanks to our God who is good, whose steadfast love endures forever!**

**Hymn #563:** We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)

**Invocation in Unison**

**Holy God, we gather this day to give thanks for your steadfast love and to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of safety, justice, and peace. With Christ as our guide, we seek to grow into “a new self” in your image: generous, compassionate, welcoming. Baptized into Christ, we seek to love all of our sisters and brothers with Christ’s inclusive love that sees beyond difference and extends the hand of peace to strangers. Send your Spirit among us and inspire our imaginations and wills in the things that make for peace, for we pray in the name of the One who was called the Prince of Peace, Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

## 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**

IYAA

**Scriptures:** Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

**Sermon:** "What Do You Say to your Soul?"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #459:** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

(v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

The God who has blessed our lives calls us to store our riches with God. In thanksgiving and in faithfulness, let us share our gifts and offerings. The offering will now be received.

**Offertory:** A Quiet Place -- *McCrary*

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** in Unison

**We offer you what we have, loving God. Whether it seems like much or little to us, we know that you can do great things with whatever we offer. Help us to use these gifts and more to make your world a better place – a place where we rejoice in all we can share, and know that somehow, through your work, it is always enough. Amen.**

**Hymn #23:** There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (v. 1-2)

**Benediction** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response – #82** Go, My Children, With My Blessing (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** The Trumpet of Faith – *Wetherill* Kayleen Yuda

**Special Announcements**

**A Gathering Place** -- *Monday, August 1, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Building of Faith Meeting Room. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship.*

**Sunday School**—*Starts August 7, at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary. Parents and grandparents may sit with their keiki as they will remain in the service for Communion.*

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Ushers:** James Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem, Carol Morioka, Kay Kawachika

**Flowers:** Laura Ota

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**Childcare:** Molina Pitio

**Moderator:** Woody Kita

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Office Manager:** Pearl "Momi" Lyman

**Web Master:** Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Pre-Service Music:** Bob and Sue Smith

**Projected Imagery:** Sue Smith

### Dates to Remember

- Monday, August 1 – A Gathering Place
- Sunday, August 7 – Sunday School
- Sunday, August 7 – Communion
- Sunday, August 7 – Church Picnic

### This week at the Church of the Holy Cross

- **Bible Study with Pastor Eric:**
- Sundays, 8:30 am – A Survey of the Bible in J's Café
- Wednesdays, 9:30 am—Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service in Pastor's office
- Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – resumes August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 in the Lounge—Book of James
- **Rhythm & Life Exercise Class**, Tuesdays, 3:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho'opakele**, Thursdays, 9 am in The Lounge
- **Qigong**, Fridays, 9:00 am in the Building of Faith
- **Hand Bell Choir** Saturdays, 1 pm in J's Café
- **A Gathering Place**, Mondays & Thursdays, 9-12 noon, Building of Faith Meeting Room

### 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**
- **The Bedesta Church** worships at 1:30 pm in the Building of Faith  
**Pastor Edmes Edwin**
- **First Marshalllese Assembly of God**, 4 pm in the Sanctuary.  
**Rev. Brandy Karben**
- **Muslim Community Group** meets Fridays at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith Meeting Room