

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2016  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Barbara Iwami

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Peace-- *Horace Silver*

Gospel Jazz Ensemble

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Into the silence came the sound.

**People: Into the sound came the voice.**

Leader: Into the voice came the word.

**People: Into the word came the song.**

Leader: In the wind's rushing,

**People: The waves' sighing,**

Leader: The birds' singing,

**People: The peoples' laughing:**

**All: We hear and we trust the grace of God.  
Come, let us worship!**

**Hymn #5:** Praise to God

(v. 1 & 2, congregation sings)

(flute solo)

(v. 3, congregation sings)

**Invocation** in Unison

**You are a mystery to us, O God. We know your wonders when we see your works, or hear your wisdom, or touch what you have made – but you remain greater than we see, greater than we hear, greater than we feel. We ask that you would join us as we gather here in faith. Fulfill our trust, and with your Holy Spirit feed our bodies and our souls this day. Accept our gifts of music and of praise, and smile on your people as we pray in Jesus' name, 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:** Cristo Redentor--*Duke Pearson*

Rachel Edwards, vocal  
J P Thoma, alto sax

**Scripture:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

**Sermon:** "Faith Measures"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #547:** Amazing Grace

(v. 1) Rev. Eric S. Anderson, solo  
(v. 2 & 4) congregation sings

### Invitation to the Offering:

Through faith, we give our trust to God. God also offers faith in us: trust that we will act with mercy, trust that we will build and plant, trust that we will share with others. This is our chance to show God's trust is not misplaced. Let our morning offering now be received.

**Offertory:** The Swan – *Saint Saens*

Kanakano Okita and JP Thoma

### 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**

**Holy One, whose melodies resound in all Creation, from the rolling spheres of space into the human heart, accept the gifts we offer you today: the gift of song and melody, the praise of humble hearts, the work of mind and hand, the produce of the fields. With these we bless you, God, and bless the world around us. Amen.**

**Hymn #28:** For the Beauty of the Earth (v. 1-4)

**THE LORD'S SUPPER****Invitation****Consecrating the Bread and Cup****Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Feel free to join in singing "This is My Father's World" as you come forward; the words will be on the screen. Please 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 #473:** Blessed Assurance (v. 1-2)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #473** – Blessed Assurance (v. 3)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** "Joyful, Joyful"

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

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

**Ushers:** Newton Chu, Cindy Debus, Connie Yoshiyama, Jane Kawazoe

**Flowers:** Ichiko Hisanaga, Anne Sadayasu

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Roberta Chu  
**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

- Today, August 7 – Communion
- Today, August 7 – Church Picnic
- Sunday, August 14 – 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 in J’s Café
- Wednesdays, 9:30 am—Lectionary readings for the upcoming Sunday Service in Pastor’s office
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 in the Lounge – the Book of James
- **Rhythm & Life Exercise Class**, Tuesdays, 3:00 pm, Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele**, Thursdays, 9 am in The Lounge
- **Qigong**, Fridays, 9:00 am, Building of Faith
- **Hand Bell Choir** Saturdays, 1 pm, J’s Café
- **A Gathering Place**, Mondays 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, Rev. Bensis Henry**

- **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 Marshallese 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