

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i  
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost, August 21, 2016  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Newton Chu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Just As I Am—*Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Stone – so solid and unchanging, a firm foundation on which to build.

**All: Thank God for what is sure and stable.**

Leader: Stone – a stumbling block that trips us up when we least expect it.

**All: Thank God for unexpected things that gives us pause to ponder and rethink.**

Leader: Stone – shaped and remodelled through persistent pressure.

**All: Thank God for shifts in understanding that seem to happen in a moment of our time.**

**Hymn #552:** From the Crush of Wealth and Power (v. 1-3)

**Invocation**

Leader: God of grace, mercy, compassion, and courage, may today be the day when we hear you.

**All: May our hearts not be hard or cold. May we hear you calling us past the edges. May we discover new connections where grace and healing, hope and justice, lift us up and open us to new dimensions of faith alive in you. May we draw courage to break the rules that bind and burden, to bring joy in abundance where joy has been depleted. 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: Beautiful Savior**—*arrg. Wallingfor Riegger*

Na Leo Li`o Lani

**Scriptures:** Jeremiah 1:4-10  
Luke 13:10-17

**Sermon:** "Bent Souls"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #553:** There is a Balm in Gilead (v. 1-3)

#### **Invitation to the Offering:**

Jesus summoned us to open hearts and open hands, no matter what the day of the  
week might be. Let this morning's giving be the first of what we share this week, of  
talents, time, and treasure. Let today's offering now be received.

**Offertory:** A Sound of Bells—*Simone*

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 (Unison)**

**By our gifts, O God, release your people: Those restrained by want and war; those  
restrained by illness or abuse; those restrained by closed compassion or  
determined ignorance. By our gifts, O God, may all be free. Amen.**

**Hymn #551:** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #580** O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** March in D—*Mendelssohn Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**Flowers:** Herbert Watanabe

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Eileen Shiraishi

**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 21 – Board of Trustees
- Sunday, August 28 – Board of Christian Education
- Sunday, August 28 – J’s Mini-Mart
- Sunday, August 28 – Board of Deacons

#### 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 – Pastor’s office
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge – the 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 9-12 noon, Building of Faith Main Hall