

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
15th Sunday after Pentecost, August 28, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

People: God, our Host, welcomes us.

Leader: God reminds us, “I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:”

People: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.

Leader: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

People: A feast for all--freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger. Let us worship God!

Hymn #38: Lift Up Your Hearts (v. 1-2)

Invocation in Unison

Here we are, O God. You have called us; we have come. We come because we want to find our place, to know the people you have placed around us. And more, we want to learn to make more table places for those you have invited to share your feast of life. We bring our thanks, our praise, our lives. Here we are, O God. Be with us in this time and place. 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

International Young Adult Association (IYAA)

Scriptures: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sermon: "Table Dancing"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #539: Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant (v. 1-6)

Invitation to the Offering:

We have been blessed to know our God when feasting at life's banquet. Now let us share so those who hunger for the nourishment of body, mind, or spirit, may, like us, give thanks. And when they lift their gifts to us may we, in turn, give thanks. Let our morning offering now be received.

Offertory: Interlude in A – *Handel-Wells*

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

Accept our gifts, O God of overflowing grace. Accept the gifts of love and service we extend in every day ahead. And bless all those whose hearts are lifted, hungers filled, hopes restored, or lives renewed, so they, in turn, may bring their gifts to you and all the world. Amen.

Hymn #495: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-2, 4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #501 – We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: O Wondrous Day – *Mansfield*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Flowers: Carol Morioka

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Anne Sadayasu

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 28 – Board of Christian Education
- Today, August 28 – J's Mini-Mart
- Today, 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