

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation: Ocean Sunday, September 4, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Communion Meditation – *Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: From the beginning of time, and out of the depths, voices are calling us today;

People: **God calls us to notice, to hear, and to respond.**

Leader: The one who created the oceans and mountains, the streams and the stars,
invites us to worship in wonder and in praise.

People: **Oceans and mountains, streams and stars call to us – they call us to worship in
the knowledge of our Creator, and to understand how Creation struggles
today.**

Leader: Come, in our worship, let us listen both to the Creator, and to Creation's call;

All: **Let us open our minds, our hearts, and our spirits to the yearnings of Creation,
and recognize our yearnings in these voices. For we are one. In God's great
wisdom we have been made in deep communion with each other.**

Leader: Come. Let us hear the voice of God who calls us, and the voices of creation
seeking communion with us,

People: **And let us worship in humble thanksgiving for all of creation today.**

Hymn #12: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison

Loving Creator, like holding shells to our ears while standing at the seaside, we listen for you today. We long to hear the rhythm of your wisdom; to feel the wind of your refreshing grace; to see the glistening glory of your powerful light of love; and to smell the strength of your deep presence. Be with us as we worship. Help us to find new depths of understanding in this Ocean Sunday. Inspire us to dive deeply into your mystery. And help us to recognize our commitments to stewardship and care, as we venture into your wild and wonderful gifts. Like glimpsing the spout of a whale on the ocean's horizon, help us to glimpse and be confident of your presence with us as we worship. 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--*arr. Wallingford Riegger*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: Psalm 104:1-9, 24-26
Job 38:1-18

Sermon: "Waves of Grace Command the Morning"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #32: God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale (v. 1-2, 5-6)

Invitation to the Offering:

We give to those we love, and we give to strangers far away. Today, we are called as well to give our hearts and mind and strength to the planet which is our home. Let your offerings today be the first fruits of care for an ocean too often abused, for islands too often exploited, for a world whose resources we're on track to exhaust. As we care for each other, let us care for our world. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: Praise Be to God in the Highest – *Zachau*

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

God of mauka, God of makai, God of summits, and God of the depths: accept these gifts we offer here today. Accept the hearts and minds we offer here as well, renewing our commitment to the nurture of your planet, extending our aloha to the rolling waves of grace. Amen.

Hymn #341: Great Spirit God (v. 1, 5-6)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup**Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to 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 #17: To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (v. 1-3)****Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #27: From All That Dwell Below the Skies (v. 1)**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles****Postlude: Rigaudon – *Campra***

Kayleen Yuda

Special Announcements

This September, we celebrate a Season of Creation, rejoicing in the universe which God has made. Next Sunday, September 11th, for Flora and Fauna Sunday, we invite you to bring your favorite house plant, large or small, to adorn our sanctuary. You'll be able to take it home at close of worship!

Friday night, September 9th at 7:30 pm, Rev. Eric Anderson will perform as half of "Boys in Hats," a folk/acoustic duo, with his musical partner Paul Bryant-Smith. Admission is free.

Come celebrate the installation of our pastor, Rev. Eric Anderson, with worship and with music this weekend. The Service of Installation will be Saturday, Sept. 10th, at 1:00 pm in the sanctuary.

Please have all Sunday School students at church by 12:45, Saturday Sept 10th to provide the choral ensemble for the Call to Worship.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Ushers: Jayson Rekis and members of IYAA
Flowers: Katada and Tadaki families
Choir Director: Rachel Edwards
Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita
Childcare: Eric Tanouye
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, September 4 – Communion
- Today, September 4 – Board of Trustees Meeting
- Monday, September 4 – Labor Day, CHC office closed
- Saturday, September 10 – Installation of Pastor Eric Anderson

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

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. Bensis Henry, Rev. Henry Wilson
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12 pm in the Sanctuary.
Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o
- **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