

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: Fauna and Flora Sunday, September 11, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Stefan Tanouye

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Morning Has Broken—Smith

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise. [Unison reading in **bold** text]

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** We do not have the privilege of knowing when a wild pig gives birth, or when a nene’s egg is hatching;

**People:** **But our wonderful God knows all these things. Our God is present to all creation, before every birth and beyond every breath.**

**Leader:** We did not free the ocean seal or bid it take the ocean for its home; we did not teach the deer to scorn the city and seek a wooded home;

**All:** **it was our wise, creative God who set these things in motion.**

**Leader:** Our wisdom could not contemplate the soaring ‘io sailing through the sky; we did not shape its hunting eye seeking its next meal.

**All:** **No, our God who has done these things. And we are called to worship God today.**

**Leader:** Come, children of God, to celebrate the brilliant bounty of our God’s creative genius as we worship in thanksgiving and in praise.

**All:** **Come, let us lift our voices singing, joining in the chorus of creation, echoing with joy.**

**Hymn #8:** Praise to the Living God (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invocation in unison**

**Exuberant Inventor of all life, to the trumpet of the elephant, to the song of the whale, and to the rush of the wind, we add our voices testifying to your grace. We celebrate and praise, beyond what words can say, for the plants, the animals, the insects, and the birds with which we share our existence. We are delighted by their beauty; we are serenaded by their songs; we are awed by their skills and abilities; and we are humbled by our need for the gifts they have given us over and over again. We praise you, dynamic Designer, for your wisdom and whimsy, and we come before you seeking deeper connection and greater understanding of our relationship to all of your creation. Bless us as we worship, and know our earnest praise. 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:** Let There Be Peace on Earth--*Jackson/Miller*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

**Scriptures:** Psalm 104:14-23  
Luke 12:22-31

**Sermon:** "Wise Abundance"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #16:** “Let Us with a Joyful Mind” (v. 1-6)

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

We could never live alone, without the countless other forms of life upon this planet. Sometimes they feed us, sometimes comfort us, sometimes shelter us, and sometimes simply leave us standing still in awe. Let us give thanks in our offering today for the richness of life, for its wonders, and for the boundless generosity of God.

**Offertory:** Adagio—*Marcello*

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

**When you created the world, O God, you dedicated us as part of the balance of all good things. Today, we dedicate ourselves anew to this responsibility, and ask your blessing on our promise. Help us to continue to delight in all that you have given us to share this life with: the plants and animals and all their glory. And lead us in the ways of life, communion with all of your creation. Amen.**

**Hymn #31:** All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1-3)

### **Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #27:** From All That Dwell Below the Skies (v. 1)

### **Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Jubilation—*Denton*

Kayleen Yuda

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson  
**Ushers:** Jayson Rekis and members of IYAA  
**Flowers:** Karl Kawahara and Moira Tanaka  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**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, September 11 – Council Meeting
- Thursday, September 22 – Sr. Ministry

#### 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