

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation: Storm Sunday, September 18, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Latai Loa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Lead Me Lord—*Wesley-Boch*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Glory to God whose thunder shatters the illusions of the powerful.

People: **We join with earth and heaven to give praise to the One who transforms chaos into life.**

Leader: Glory to God whose voice breaks through our comfortable certainties and deceptive securities.

People: **We join with earth and heaven to give praise to the One who transforms chaos into life.**

Leader: Glory to God whose disruptive fire of love burns like a mighty flame preparing our lives for renewal.

People: **We join with earth and heaven to give praise to the One who transforms chaos into life.**

Leader: Glory to God who shakes empires from their false wisdom and who gives strength to those deprived of power.

All: **We join with earth and heaven to give praise to the One who transforms chaos into life.**

Leader: Let all in the temple of God's wondrous creation say,

All: **Glory!**

Hymn #497: Guide My Feet (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison

Creator of the universe, may the worship which we share this day be the worship we continue through the week. May we glorify you, not only in our words and songs but by our very lives. Grant us humility to recognize our human limitations. Give us the confidence to trust the power of your love at work in all the storms which worry us, the storms we often dread. May we be humbled to see your loving presence in all things. 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: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies - *Charles Wesley*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Scriptures: Psalm 29

Luke 8:22-25

Sermon: "Enduring the Storm"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #271: Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow (v. 1, 3)

Invitation to the Offering:

The storms of life can tumble any of our grand designs. The very rocks themselves are not eternal; rain and wind and time reduce the grandest peaks to sand upon the beach. Yet we still build, for though things may come and go, love and mercy live beyond the human span of time. Bring your gifts today that this moment of love may endure forever. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Simple Gifts—*Sewell*

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

Creative Wisdom, there is nothing we can build that lasts forever, but when your voice comes calling, offering newness of life, we are invited to share in the work of love and justice. Bless these gifts, and we pray that all creation may be able to sing your praises and all the world's people will know the promise of peace. Amen.

Hymn #490: I Want Jesus to Go with Me (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: Gigue – *Corelli-Bampton*

Kayleen Yuda

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Jayson Rekis and members of IYAA

Flowers: Joyce Nakamoto

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita
Childcare: Moira Tanaka
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

- A Gathering Place will meet Monday September 19, in the Building of Faith Meeting Room at 9:00 am.
- Thursday, September 22 – Sr. Ministry
- Sunday, September 25 – Board of Deacons
- Sunday, September 25 – J’s Mini-Mart
- • Rhythm & Life will resume on November 1, 2016

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
- **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 Sundays from 2 pm to 4 pm and Wednesdays 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