

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: Cosmos Sunday, September 25, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Anne Sadayasu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** La Tromba -- *Couperin*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** Wisdom calls us to join the chorus, singing praise to the God of creation.

**People:** **Wisdom was there before time began, God’s first blessing to the wonders unfolding.**

**Leader:** Wisdom invites us to join our voices with the moon and the stars, the mountain and the hills, the oceans and the rivers, the animals of the earth, and all flying creatures.

**People:** **We are all part of a universal chorus, giving praise to the One who gives us life.**

**Leader:** Wisdom’s song is heard in the heartbeat of life.

**All:** **Men and women, young and old, from the skies above to the deeps below, we unite in praise to God, God in whom wisdom dwells.**

**Hymn #558:** O How Glorious, Full of Wonder

(v. 1-3)

**Invocation** in unison

**From nothingness, substance. From absence, presence. From darkness, light. These are your works, O God. From air, water. From water, land. From water, life that spread over land and sea. These are your works, O God. Let your works, your tiny**

**marvels and your grand displays awake once more within our hearts as we attend to worship. We are your works, O God. We bring to you our praise.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Presentation of Bibles**

Eli Yamaki, Joanna Narruhn and Johnalynn Narruhn

**Commissioning of Teachers**

Pre-school to Grade 6: Joyce Nakamoto, Amy Yamaki, Faith Narruhn, Nite Robert, Sincerly Salep, with substitutes: Eileen Shiraishi and Eric Tanouye.

Grade 7 to High School: James Yoshiyama

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**

IYAA

**Mission Presentations:** Trustees

Stewardship and Mission

**Scriptures: Proverbs 8:22-31  
Colossians 1:15-20**

**Sermon:** "Cosmic Celebration"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please remain seated for the hymn

**Hymn #567:** Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit (v. 1-2, 6)

### Invitation to the Offering:

We can never give as much to God as God has given us. We cannot own the sunlit sky, nor touch the brilliant stars. Yet God rejoices when we give from what we've made, or shaped, or treasured, for in our sharing, we fulfill our calling. Let our morning offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Canon (Sarabande) – *Couperin*

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 infinite wisdom, we sing the song of all creation as we offer you our praise, not only in song, not only in word, but with our very lives. We long to share in that chaos-creating, justice-making love revealed in Jesus, the head of the body in whom your fullness is pleased to dwell. With these gifts, we take another step along the path he set. Amen.**

**Hymn #4:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-2, 4)

### Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

### Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

**Postlude:** Festive Postlude – *Zipoli*

Kayleen Yuda

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson  
**Ushers:** Jayson Rekis and members of IYAA  
**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama families  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Merle Okabe  
**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 25 – Board of Deacons
- Today, September 25 – J’s Mini-Mart

#### 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