

Service of Installation  
of the Rev. Eric S. Anderson  
as Pastor of  
**Church of the Holy Cross**  
United Church of Christ  
Hilo, Hawai'i

September 10, 2016, 1:00 pm

*\* Please rise if you are able*

**Prelude:** Hymn to Joy—*Beethoven-Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

**Oli**

Kumu Lori Lei Shirakawa

**Call to Worship:** “This is the Day” sung by

*Church of the Holy Cross  
Sunday School*

**\* Processional Hymn #561:** When in Our Music God is Glorified

**\* Invocation in unison**

**You shower your people with gifts, O God. To some you give a gardener’s heart, to help green things to bloom and grow. To some you give an artisan’s hands, reforming your Creation into beauties new. To some you give the poet’s words, musician’s notes, mentor’s wisdom. To all you give capacity to love. This day we celebrate your call to those who serve as pastors in your Church, who offer challenge amidst certainty, who offer comfort in distress, who strive to understand your words of grace and share them with your living form, the Church. Bless us as we worship with your presence and your love, and may we take these gifts you’ve shared and offer them unto a hungry world. Amen.**

**\* Gloria Patri**

**Time with the Children**

*Rev. Eric Anderson*

**Anthem:** “Be Now My Vision”

*Harry Kawai*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Rev. Charles Buck*

### **Scripture:** Psalm 96:1-3, 11-13a

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy. Let all creation rejoice before the LORD.

### **Charge to the Pastor:**

*Rev. Paul Bryant-Smith*

### **Charge to the Congregation**

*Rev. Linda Petrucelli*

2 Corinthians 9:8

God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. – *The Message*

### **Anthem:** "How Can I Keep from Singing"

*Na Leo Li'o Lani*

## ***Installation Service***

*Association Representative:* The Hawai'i Island Association of the Hawai'i Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sing which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

**People:** Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

**Presentation**

**Exhortation**

**Covenant**

Association Representative: Eric, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God, and that Church of the Holy Cross UCC has been led to call you as pastor and teacher, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ with us in the Hawai'i Island Association?

Pastor:

I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the pastoral office according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Association Representative:

Members of Church of the Holy Cross, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with your pastor and teacher?

**Local Church Members:**

**We, the members of Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ, receive Eric Anderson as our pastor and teacher, promising to labor with him in the ministry of the gospel and to give him due honor and support. We gather with him and with the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

Association Representative:

Members of the Hawai'i Island Association, will those who are able rise and affirm your covenant with Church of the Holy Cross and its pastor and teacher?

**Association Members:**

**We, the members of the Hawai'i Island Association of the United Church of Christ, gather with you, the people and the pastor and teacher of Church of the Holy Cross, as a sign of our covenant and in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

**Prayer of Installation**

**Declaration**

## **Greetings from:**

- Hosted Congregations: Rev. Rae and Rev. Ausage Lelili’o, Pastors, Ekalesia Fa’apopotoga Kerisiano Amerika Samoa, Hilo, Hawai’i
- Interfaith Community: Rev. Ananda Paul Normann, Amida Hawai’i and Secretary of Interfaith Communities in Action
- Hawai`i Conference: Rev. Charles Buck, Conference Minister

## **Call to Offering:**

We have gathered to give thanks that God has blessed this congregation and this pastor, bringing them together for ministry and service. Other churches still seek their next pastor; other people labor to prepare themselves for leadership. With today’s offering, we support the Scholarship Fund of the Hawai’i Island Association, helping individuals to prepare to serve the Church with skill and dedication. Let the offering now be received.

*Today’s offering benefits the Hawaii Island Association Scholarship Fund, which supports seminarians and pastors in training. Please make checks payable to Hawaii Island Association.*

**Offertory:** Amazing Grace – Beck-Linker

Kayleen Yuda

## **Prayer of Dedication** in Unison

**Holy God, whose grace is greater than we know or can imagine, we thank you for the bounty of Creation, the talents that you give us, and the families that enfold us. Accept the gifts we offer here and with them bless the ‘ohana of the Church, inspiring leaders who will guide and comfort, pray and preach, serve and nurture new disciples of our Christ. Amen.**

**\* Recessional Hymn #584:** I Am the Light of the World

**\* Benediction**

**Postlude:** Trumpet Voluntary in D Major—*Purcell-Buszin*    Kayleen Yuda

We gratefully acknowledge the kindness of:

**Vice Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Chairman of the Search Committee:** Stefan Tanouye

**Acting chair of the Church and Ministry Committee of the Hawaii Island**

**Association of UCC:** Rev. Linda Petrucelli

**Moderator of Hawaii Island Association of UCC:** Harry Kawai

**Pastor of King Street UCC, Danbury, CT:** Rev. Paul Bryant-Smith

**Hawaii Conference Minister:** Rev. Charles Buck

**Amida Hawai'i and Secretary of Interfaith Communities in Action:**

Rev. Ananda Paul Normann

**Congregational Christian Church American Samoa:** Rev. Rae and Rev. Ausage

Lelili'o, Pastors, Ekalesia Fa'apopotoga Kerisiano

**Refreshments:** Members of Church of the Holy Cross

**Flowers:** Karl Kawahara and Moira Tanaka

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Piano Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Guest Choir Director:** Cindy Debus

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Oli:** Kumu Hula Lori Lei Shirakawa

**Search Committee Members:** Stefan Tanouye, Anne Sadayasu, Janet Fujioka,  
Gloria Kobayashi, Newton Chu, Erin Okuda, Christian and Theone Albano