

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
23rd Sunday after Pentecost, October 23, 2016
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Lei Cruz

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Brother James' Air – *Bain-Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: We live our days striving to keep the faith.

People: At times, we feel we are running a great race – trying to find God by moving faster and stronger.

Leader: At other times, life feels more like a battle – a fight to be won in order to be right with our God.

People: What we long for is to draw near to our God in righteousness.

Leader: Come, people of God, let us slow our running and turn away from the fights.

People: Let us recognize that our God stands by us here and now, giving us strength, ready to rescue us from our wandering ways. There is nowhere else we need to go and nothing else we need to achieve.

Leader: Come, beloved of God, let us receive the crown of blessing as we worship. Let us give God thanks and glory!

People: Come. As we strive to keep the faith let us very simply worship our loving God.

Hymn #317: Mikotoba O Kudasai (Make a Gift of Your Holy Word)

(v. 1 Japanese, v. 1, 3 English)

Invocation in unison

Empty us, O God, of all that would keep us from being present in this time of worship. Pour out upon us, O God, your spirit of patience and humility that we

might receive what you have to give us in this time of worship. Fill us, O God, with your love, your compassion, your grace, that in this time of worship and beyond we might know you in those around us. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Sing to Our Father –*Stephen & Lorna Ball and Jon Wilkes* Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Time with Children

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.

Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

Sermon: "Journey to Humility"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn #544: Si Fui Motivo de Dolor, Oh Dios (If I Have Been the Source of Pain, O God)
(English v. 1, 3-4)

Invitation to the Offering:

We are who we are, a blend of good and not-so-good, with pride and generosity and selfishness and loving hearts all intermingled. We are on the way to who we want to be – to who God wants us to be. With each opportunity to give, we can draw closer: so let us come present our gifts, let us come release our souls. Let our morning offering now be received.

Offertory: Duo – *Cabazon*

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

Whatever journey each of us is on, O God, we pray for one another that in giving, we might move a little further toward your light. For those whose journeys we can share only through imagining, may these gifts empower them in body, mind, and spirit, to a life more filled with food, with safety, and with hope. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #492: I Would Be True (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #519: Not My Brother, nor My Sister (Standing in the Need of Prayer) (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Festal Finale – *Coleman*

Kayleen Yuda

Special Announcement

Hurricane Matthew Relief and Recovery

Church of the Holy Cross will take a special offering today to aid in the relief and recovery efforts in both the United States and the Caribbean.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Ben & Reiko Masutomi, Sets Takemoto, Dorothy Matsui and Tammy Nagami

Flowers: Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sakumoto

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Carol Morioka

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, October 23 – Deacons Meeting
- Today, October 23 – Board of Christian Education
- Today, October 23 – Special Offering: Hurricane Matthew
- Sunday, October 30 – All Saints Day Potluck

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
- **A Gathering Place**, Mondays 9-12 noon, Building of Faith Main Hall
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **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

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
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoan** 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

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- **Muslim Community Group** meets Fridays at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith Meeting Room