

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 13, 2016
Sing Praise Sunday

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: Praise Him Praise Him

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: All Creation rings with music.

People: We lift our human melodies with hearts and hands and voices.

Leader: In the greenery the songbirds carol.

People: In the streams, the water sometimes chuckles, sometimes thunders.

Leader: Wind sighs, then howls, then whispers.

People: Before any of this took form, what songs did God sing to the universe? And how shall any of our melodies begin to speak our praise?

Hymn: Morning Has Broken (vs. 1 & 2)

Invocation in unison

God of music, God of joyful sounds, we come to you today with singing. If our throats be closed or our volume soft, we pray that you would hear the passion of our hearts. If we cannot tune the notes we sing to any human chord, then let them harmonize with your mysterious ways. And if we falter at any point along the musical scale, we ask your strength to raise our courage. May every note we sing resound within your ears as joy, and thanks, and praise. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: How Can I Keep from Singing – *Craig Courtney*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Children’s Anthem: “If I Were a Butterfly”

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: Isaiah 12

Festival of Songs

#286 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vs. 1 & 4)

#475 God’s Eye is on the Sparrow (vs. 1)

#377 Forward Through the Ages (vs. 1)

Anthem: He Touched Me—*Bill Gaither*

IYAA

#292 Breathe on Me, Breath of God (vs. 1)

Here I Am, Lord (vs. 1)

Jesus Loves the Little Children (vs. 1)

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

#207 Just as I Am (v. 1)

#562 Take My Gifts (v. 1)

Invitation to the Offering

When we give, we love. We love our families. We love our neighbors. We love the strangers. We love our God. When we give, we love: so let our morning offering now be received.

Offertory: On Wings of Morn—*Nolte*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology in Hawaiian

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao. 'Āmene

Prayer of Dedication in unison

Accept these gifts we pray, O God, and guide them as they journey through the world, that all creation might, through us, learn harmony at last. Amen.

Hymn: This Little Light of Mine (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #580: The Queen's Prayer (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Victory Through Faith—*Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

- Thursday, November 17 – Sr. Ministry (see announcement below)
- Saturday, November 19 – Service Day
- Sunday, November 20 – Board of Stewardship and Mission
- Sunday, November 20 – Board of Christian Education
- Sunday, November 27 – Board of Deacons

Special Announcements

In November, flags in the sanctuary honor our missionary heritage from Japan, the nations of Chuuk, the Marshall Islands, Pohnpei, Tonga, America Samoa, and the home we share here in Hawai'i and the United States. We give thanks for all who follow Jesus here at the Church of the Holy Cross.

Please save and donate your KTA register receipt points from October 29th through November 25th to our Senior Ministry program. You may turn in your tapes to Eileen Shiraishi, Moira Tanka, or drop them off at the church office. Thank you for supporting our Senior Ministry.

Senior Ministry, November 17th, 10am to 12 noon in the Building of Faith. This Thanksgiving luncheon is sponsored by the Women's Fellowship and lunch is FREE! We will have turkey with all the trimmings. Mary Ann Katayama will share information about her recent trip to Japan including the visit to the museum where our old church is located. We will also be entertained by the "Gathering Place" group with an ukulele number! Please sign up on the sheet on the Senior Ministry bulletin board. We want to be sure that we have enough food.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Anne Sadayasu, Ethel Yoshimasu, Eric Tanouye and Jennie Kondo

Flowers: Ken Tanouye, Stefan Tanouye, Joel Santo

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Stefan Tanouye

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

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
- **Rhythm & Life Exercise Class**, Tuesdays, 3:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **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
- **Muslim Community Group** meets Fridays at 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith Meeting Room