

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
Loyalty Sunday, November 20, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Gloria Kobayashi

**Pastoral Welcome:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Praise and Thanksgiving – *Handel-Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: He came from a line of rulers, yet claimed no crown.

**People: He publicly fulfilled royal prophecy, yet occupied no throne.**

Leader: He collected no taxes, and offered only himself.

**People: And this is the One to whom we testify: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Leader: Let us worship and honor the Royal One who came from God.

**Hymn #300:** Jesus Shall Reign (v. 1-2, 5)

**Invocation in unison**

**Holy One, we come in awe that you, whose claims on us could be so great, whose power would suffice to make us do all things you wish, rely instead upon the prophet's call, upon the loving message. May we, in this time, renew our loyalty to you our Ruler and our Sovereign, committing to a life of justice-making, steadfast love, and humble journeys with our God. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** For the Beauty of the Earth – *John Rutter*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

**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.

**Scriptures:** Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 23:33-43

**Sermon:** "The King Turned Upside Down"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #303:** Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering**

Today as every Sunday, our gifts include the offerings we've brought fulfilling what we promised to support the ministries of this church. Today as well, our offerings include our pledges for the coming year: the portion of our wealth which we will give toward worship, toward renewal, toward a world with fewer hungry people, toward a world with fewer hungry souls. Bring your gifts; bring your pledges: Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Interlude in A – *Handel-Wells*

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**

**O God, accept and bless, we pray, the gifts of this day.**

**O God, accept and bless, we pray, the pledges of tomorrow.**

**O God, accept and bless, we pray, each day of work, each day of rest, that we may have the means to keep our promises, and know the joy of faithful giving in your name. Amen.**

**Hymn #419:** Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #425:** For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Fanfare for a Festival – *Simone*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

- Today, November 20 – Board of Stewardship and Mission
- Today, November 20 – Board of Christian Education
- Today, November 20 – Thanksgiving Sunday
- Tuesday, November 22 – Community Thanksgiving Celebration
- Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving
- Saturday, November 26 – Hanging of the Greens
- Sunday, November 27 – Board of Deacons

**Special Announcements**

Rhythm & Life Exercise classes have been postponed until further notice.

During 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 29<sup>th</sup> through November 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

**Flowers:** Karl Kawahara and Moira Tanaka

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Malia Mattos  
**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
- **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 Marshallse 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