

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Christmas Eve Worship, December 24, 2016  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Prelude:** Hark! The Herald Angels Sing/Angels from  
the Realms of Glory-*Whitworth* Kayleen Yuda

**Opening Carol:** O Come All Ye Faithful (v. 1-4)

**Lighting of the Christ Candle** Gelan family

Leader: The waiting ends, and the festival arrives. The delivery comes, and the child is born. Our Advent season passes to Christmas. Our hearts awake to sing our Savior's praise!

*All Sing:*

**O come, O come Emmanuel  
The shadows of our hopelessness dispel  
Let peace take root within every soul  
With joy we now your gracious love extol.  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel has come to us, O Israel.**

Leader: In the first candle of Advent, we declare our Hope. In the second candle of Advent, we declare our dedication to Peace. In the third candle of Advent, we proclaim our Joy. In the fourth candle of Advent, we celebrate the love of God. And now we light the candle in the center, the one which glows for Christ, in the center of our wreath as Christ should be the center of our hearts. This fire burns for Hope. This fire

burns for Peace. This fire burns for Joy. This fire burns for Love. This fire burns for all the world.

**Unison Prayer: In Hope we raise our prayers, O God. May we ever worship you, and ever live among our neighbors, in your Peace. Let Joy lend ardor to our singing. Let Love both soothe our hearts, and open up our hearts for kindly sharing with the world. For you have come to us in Jesus Christ, a wonder and a marvel. Bless our worship with Christ's spirit, God. Amen.**

### Service of Lessons and Carols

**First Lesson:** Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

Karl Kawahara

**Carol:** Joy to the World (v. 1-2)

**Second Lesson:** Luke 1:26-35, 38

Bob Smith

**Carol:** What Child is This?

Rachel Edwards and  
Scott Wuscher

**Third Lesson:** Luke 2:1, 3-7

Biff Kennedy

**Carol:** Away in a Manger (v. 1-2)

**Fourth Lesson:** Luke 2:8-16

Barbara Iwami

**Carol:** Carol of the Sheep Bells

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

**Fifth Lesson:** Matthew 2:1-12

Stuart Mori

**Carol:** O Holy Night

Rachel Edwards

**Sixth Lesson:** John 1:1-5, 14

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Carol:** Hark the Herald Angels Sing (v. 1-3)

**Meditation:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Christmas Prayer:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## Service of Light

**Carol:** Silent Night (v. 1-3)

**Benediction:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Postlude:** Joy to the World/Hallelujah Chorus

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu, Esther Kodani, Margaret Torigoe

**Refreshments:** Board of Deacons

**Flowers:** Cindy Debus

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Moderator:** Woody Kita

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Refreshments:** Board of Deacons

**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  
**Assistant to Pastor: Tevita Talanoa, Stiven Pousima**
- **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  
**Rev. 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