

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second Sunday of Advent: Peace, December 4, 2016

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: In the Bleak Mid-Winter -- *Innes*

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle: Peace

Leader: Despite the well-known benefits of peace, our conflicts rage with violence all too often. In homes, on streets, in parks, and along the restless borders of the nations, we leave behind the path of peace to take the worn and weary way of war. Christ Jesus called us to another road.

**All Sing: Let peace take wings and make its flight To all ends of the earth
Let weeping cease and mourning end In a sunrise of mirth
In homes and lands and in our souls When Jesus comes to birth.**

Leader: In the first candle of Advent, we declare our Hope. In the second candle of Advent, we raise our Hope for Peace. This fire burns for the coerced. This fire burns for those in fear. This fire burns to pierce the shadows that would cloud our vision. This fire burns for Peace.

Hymn #108: Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old (v. 1-4)

Invocation in unison

**Holy One, inspire Peace within us. Inspire Peace that flows from us. Inspire Peace that raises hearts, and quenches rage. Inspire Peace that overcomes the world.
Amen.**

Gloria Patri**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD****Anthem:** Dona Nobis Pacem – *Harry R. Wilson*

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: Isaiah 11:1-10**Matthew 3:1-12****Sermon:** "Reverse the Wor(l)d"

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WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

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Hymn #109: With Joy Draw Water (v. 1-3)**Invitation to the Offering**

The Ruler of Peace is coming, the prophet Isaiah says, and we await that Gift of God together. What we give in this season of waiting and hope help to strengthen our community, enabling us to offer hope to the world and its promised day of Peace. Let us gather our gifts together and present them as an offering to God. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: Noel -- *Dubois*

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

With these gifts, dear God, accept the praise and thanksgiving of our hearts, which rejoice in your goodness and love. Let our gifts point to your presence in the world, and further your dream of peace through Jesus, Emmanuel, God-with-us. Amen.

Hymn #345: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (v. 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER**Invitation****Consecrating the Bread and Cup****Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #609: Now is the Time Approaching (v. 1-3)

Benediction:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #116: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 2)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: The Advent Chorale – *Mendelssohn-Porter*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

- Today, December 4 – Board of Trustees
- Today, December 4 – Communion
- Sunday, December 11 – Council Meeting
- Sunday, December 11 – Christmas Caroling, 2:00 pm

Special Announcements

Sunday, December 11: Please meet at the church at 2 pm and we will carpool for our annual Christmas Caroling to our home bound members and friends.

The Senior Ministry members would like to thank everyone for donating their KTA Save-A-Tape during the Thanksgiving season.

Please continue to save and donate your KTA Christmas SAVE-A-TAPE register receipt points from November 30th through December 27, 2016 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: Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu, Esther Kodani, Margaret Torigoe

Flowers: Sachi and Ruth Ohata

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Shirley Miyake

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
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