

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
New Year's Day, January 1, 2017
First Sunday of Christmas

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: We Three Kings of Orient Are—*Hopkins*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Whoever you are, and whatever you are carrying in your heart today – joy, stress, grief, anger, loneliness, relief – know that you are welcome here.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

Leader: We give thanks that Christ is born – the one in whom we put our trust and hope to show us how to live and be. This baby is a sign of God's love for us.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

Leader: Today is a new day, this is a new year. The presence of God's spirit in our lives renews our dreams for a renewed world.

All: Praise God for we are loved.

Hymn #160: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World) (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison

The old year has gone, O God. In it we knew hardships, and your grace accompanied us. In it we knew triumphs, and your joy welled up within us. In it we knew sorrows, and your comfort reassured us. As this new year dawns, O God, we ask once more your constant presence, your loving guidance, and your faithful inspiration. In this hour, in this day, and in each moment of this coming year, we look to you, and to your saving love. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: We Three Kings – *John Henry Hopkins Jr.*

Na Leo Ni``o Lani
Pastor Eric on Guitar

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.

Scripture: Matthew 2:1-23

Sermon: "A Long and Winding Road"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #148: What Child Is This

Invitation to the Offering:

They brought gifts to the honor the birth of a ruler, but they did not find him where they looked – in a city, in a palace. Instead, they found him in a simple home, in a smaller town. And we call them wise. Let us follow their wisdom, bringing gifts where they are needed, honoring the One who rules us all by caring for the ones deprived of power, health, or wealth. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Blessed Jesus, We Are Here – *Walther*

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

Friends, we are called to live in the complexity of a world where there is much to be celebrated, and much to be grieved. We know that we do not go alone. Christ is in the world, and orients us towards justice and love. We bring the best of ourselves and our offerings to God's church and world. 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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Closing Hymn #584: I Am the Light of the World (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #160: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Rigandon -- *Campra*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, January 1 – Communion

Monday, January 2 – CHC office closed

Saturday, January 7 – Trustees Meeting in the lounge, 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 12 – Christian Education Meeting, 4:30 pm

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi, Lei Jack

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Shirley Miyake

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

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