

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
First Sunday after the Epiphany  
Baptism of Christ, January 8, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jean Pierre Thoma

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Dialogue – *Clerambault*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: When we are reluctant to dip our toes into faith's ocean,

**All: Jesus comes, to teach us how to swim.**

Leader: When we are hesitant to cup our hands to drink from the fountain of grace,

**All: Jesus comes, to reach in and splash our faces with God's joy.**

Leader: When we are unwilling to be the aqueduct of hope,

**All: Jesus comes, to turn on the faucets God has installed in our hearts.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

**Hymn #167:** Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (v. 1, 3)

**Responsive Invocation:**

Leader: When our faith flickers in the shadows of chaos,

**All: You come, Servant of all**

Leader: to be the grace-crier through the streets of our hearts; to teach eager students  
the songs of peace and hope; to open eyes heavy-lidded by indifference.

**All: And we cry, "Glory!"**

Leader: When we are dubious about being disciples,

**All: You come, Baptism's Spirit,**

Leader: to journey with peace-walkers through the world's violent streets; to strengthen us when we are bent by doubt; to anoint us with rivers of grace, hope, and reconciliation.

**All: And we cry, "Glory!"**

**Gloria Patri**

### **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone—  
*Newton, Ross, Excell, Tomlin and Giglio*

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 42:1-9  
Matthew 3:13-17**

**Sermon:** "What Makes a Christian?"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #169:** What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Just as the waters of the earth are abundant and full of life, so are the blessings God pours upon us daily. Let us now joyfully offer our tithes, pledges, and offerings with the hope that they may enable others to feel immersed in God's love. Let this morning's offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Choral – *Purcell*

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**

**Giver and Sustainer of Life, pour out your blessing upon these gifts and upon all who give from their hearts. Multiply them so they reach farther than our imaginations can carry them. In the blessed name of our Redeemer, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn #326:** Crashing Waters at Creation (v. 1-4)

**Benediction:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #580:** O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer) ( v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Festal Finale – *Coleman*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, January 8 – Council Meeting

Sunday, January 15 – Christian Education Meeting

Sunday, January 15 – Board of Stewardship and Mission

### Special Announcement

A UCC woman from Seattle doing a six week physical therapy residence in Hilo could use a car. If you have one available to lend for that time, please let Pastor Eric know—she’s already arrived and is working now!

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

**Ushers:** Barbara Iwami, Millie Daikawa, Michi Koizumi, Lei Jack

**Flowers:** Lillian Taouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama families

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**Childcare:** Erin Okuda

**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
- **Rhythm & Life**, Tuesdays, 3:00 pm, Building of Faith
- **IYAA Bible Study**, Wednesdays, 7:00 pm in the Lounge
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele**, Thursdays, 9 am in the Lounge
- **Qigong**, Fridays, 9:30 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