

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 15, 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:** Toccata in A Minor – *Sweelinck*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: I waited patiently for GOD; who turned to me and heard my cry, who lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; and set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

**People: We sing a new song! Our mouths are full of the praise of God.**

Leader: Blessed are we when we make the Lord our trust; when we do not turn aside to false gods.

**People: We sing of all your many wonders, O God, too many to declare them all.**

Leader: Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but our ears you have pierced and a body you have prepared for us.

**People: We sing, "Here I am, I have come—I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is in my heart."**

**Hymn #504:** You Walk Along Our Shoreline (v. 1-3)

**Invocation in unison**

**O God, you have singled us out. Our ears have been pierced by your call, Our bodies are made like polished arrows to serve you, Our voices to sing your praises. We acknowledge that you have chosen us. Meeting you here on this day in**

**this time, We will listen and walk with you, As we worship together in the beauty of holiness. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Jesus Calls—*arr. W. B. Olds*

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 49:1-11

John 1:29-42

**Sermon:** "Who Has Called You?"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #496:** Ekolu Mea Nui (Three Greatest Things) (v. 1-2)

**Invitation to the Offering in Unison:**

**All: We are so grateful, God, for the loving designs you have on our lives. We give today because we are *given*. Yes. We are ourselves *given* as your polished arrows in your world. May we generously reflect back your gift – with love for you and for one another. Amen**

**Leader: Let this morning's offering now be received.**

**Offertory:** Praise Be to God – *Zachan*

Kayleen Yuda

Please rise if you are able

**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**

**Small and large gifts, we give back to you, O Lord of All Given Things.  
 May they be blessed. May we use them to keep our promises to you,  
 Promises given from us who are *given*, uniquely designed for your calling.**

**Hymn #498:** Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (v. 1-4)

**Benediction**

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**Choral Benediction Response #498:** Jesus, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (v. 5)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Fanfare – *Lemmons*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, January 15 – Christian Education Meeting

Today, January 15 – Board of Stewardship and Mission—“work session” to prepare for  
 the Board Fair

Sunday, January 22 – Board Fair-- Building of Faith

Thursday, January 26 – Sr. Ministry

**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:** Kay Kawachika, Mary Ann Katayama  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Eileen Shiraishi  
**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