

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday after the Epiphany, January 22, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting:

Margaret Torigoe

Pastoral Welcome:

Rev. Eric s. Anderson

Prelude

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: As he walked by a lake, Jesus called fishers to follow him.

People: **And immediately, immediately! they left their work and went with him.**

Leader: As Jesus journeys through our lives, he asks us to follow him.

People: **In this moment, this moment! we have the chance to leave the past behind, and pursue Christ into God’s future.**

Leader: As Jesus wanders in our world, he invites others to join in.

People: **We would join Jesus in this ministry, reaching out to our neighbours, without delay, without delay!**

Hymn #436: God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1, 4-5)

Invocation

Your heart is the shelter for our weary souls. You will not push us away, but clasp us tight in your embrace .You refuse to abandon us, standing by our side all our lives. Time reaper, you are our hope! When others try to tear us apart, you pick up the pieces, making us whole. When we wonder what the day might bring, you whisper, “follow me, I will make you: readers to little children, bandagers of bruised hearts, lovers of the forsaken, pilgrims who show the way to others.” Time shaker, you are our dawn. You appeal to us to set aside all that divides us, so we might be one. You send us to proclaim good news, not with silver-tongued sophistication but with simple words: justice, hope, grace, love, which bring light to the shadows. Time keeper, you are our joy. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD:

The Board Fair

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-23

Introduction of the Board Fair

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Conversation with the Boards

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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.**

Hymn #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Dates to Remember

Today, January 22 – J's Mini Mart

Thursday, January 26 – Sr. Ministry

Special Announcements

You may place your offering in the calabash at the entrance of the Building of Faith. Thank you for your offering.

Pastor Eric will be on vacation January 23-30th. He will return to his office on January 31st.

The 2017 Offering Envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary especially for you. Please help yourself to a box.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Ushers: Barbara Iwami, Millie Daikawa, Michi Koizumi, Lei Jack
Flowers: Saeko Hayashi
Choir Director: Rachel Edwards
Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita
Childcare: Lois Jean Tanouye
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
- **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
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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