

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, January 29, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor  
Guest Pastor Rev. Larry Walter

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Janet Fujioka

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Larry Walter

**Prelude**

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

**People: We come to worship the one true God.**

Leader: How will you worship?

**People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

**ALL: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.**

**Hymn #4:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-4)

**Invocation in unison**

**Loving God, we come this morning seeking to abide in your presence. Open our minds to your spirit of wisdom, that we may know how to live as your people. Open our hearts to your spirit of truth, that we may love all your people with a love that speaks of justice, kindness, and radical grace. May this time of worship be authentic and pleasing to you. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

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

**Anthem**

International Young Adult Assn

**Time with Children**

Board of Christian Education

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:** Micah 6: 1-8  
Matthew 5: 1-12

**Sermon:** "Blessing of Being and Doing"

Rev. Larry Walter

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

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Larry Walter

**Hymn #290: Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart (v. 1,3,5)**

**Invitation to the Offering**

We have been called to lives of justice, love, and truth. We have been blessed to be a blessing. Let us generously offer all that we are and all that we have to further this beloved community of love, justice, truth, and blessing. The offering will now be received.

**Offertory**

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

**O God, you bless us in so many areas of our lives— in places we often fail to recognize as blessing. Help us have eyes to see and hearts to understand the depth of your love and blessing. Today, we give out of that blessedness, dedicating ourselves to lives of justice and love, giving all that we are and all that we have to bring about your beloved community, here and now. Amen.**

**Hymn #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 1 – 3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Larry Walter

**Choral Benediction Response #43:** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (v. 4)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude**

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, January 29 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting

**Special Announcements**

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:** Teddy Mukai

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Molina Pitio

**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

### 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