

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Last Sunday after the Epiphany: Transfiguration Sunday  
February 26, 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:** Rondo -- *Marais*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God. We come to listen to what God has to say to us.

**People: God has invited us to this place; may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

**People: We boldly enter into the presence of God, hoping to be transformed into new people.**

Leader: We gather as the faithful of God, our fears melting away in the heart of God.

**People: We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit. We come to praise God's holy name.**

**Hymn #182:** We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding (v. 1-3)

**Invocation in unison**

**Majestic Glory, loving God, on mountaintops crowned with mist and in museums filled with wonder; in tents pitched alongside singing brooks, and in theatres filled with laughing children; in this sacred space and in all the ordinary neighbourhoods where we live, you are with us, hearing us, answering us. And, so, we do not lose heart. Fill our hearts in this time of worship, and fill our hearts in other precious times. For so we will not lose heart. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem**

IYAA

**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:** Exodus 24:12-18  
Matthew 17:1-9

**Sermon:** "Dwellings on the Mountain"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #44:** Beautiful Jesus (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

In the same way that Miriam, Moses, Aaron, and Samuel called on God's name in their need, so also do God's beloved ones call on God today. May the offerings received today become a faithful part of God's loving response. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Duo -- *Cabezón*

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**

**God of Awe and Glory, receive these gifts as symbols of our trust in you. Bless the givers and those who desired to give. Multiply these offerings and the blessings they represent. Guide the sharing of them according to your will. These things we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Hymn #55:** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart (v. 1-4)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #55:** Rejoice, You Pure in Heart (v. 5)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Plein Jeu A La Couperin -- Young Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, February 26 – Annual General Membership Meeting

Today, February 26 – J's Mini Mart

Tuesday, February 28 – The Weekly Chime begins

Monday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday, Start of Lent

Friday, March 3 – World Prayer Day

Sunday, March 5 – Communion

Sunday, March 5 – Trustees Meeting

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

**Ushers:** Christian & Theone Albano, Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Amy Shiroma

**Lay Reader:** Margaret Torigoe

**Flowers:** Hats Kamimura

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Jean Kita

**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, 7:30 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 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