

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday in Lent, March 5, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Pastorale -- *Couperin*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Come into the wilderness. Come to this place away from the world.

People: We come to find ourselves ever more in the presence of God.

Leader: Come, as Jesus did, and rest a while.

People: When we rest, we find ourselves refreshed and renewed.

Leader: Come, knowing that wilderness is not a place to be feared, but a place to be enjoyed.

People: We come to find ourselves in this place.

Leader: Come into this sacred place, and let us worship God.

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

Invocation in unison

Loving God, today we begin our Lenten adventure, a time of anticipation and wonder, yet always overshadowed by the reality of the cross. We come to this season hoping that we might hear again in the stories of scripture truths about your love for your people, and find ourselves renewed in faith. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: I Am the Bread of Life—*Suzanne Toolan*

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.

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "When the Tempter Quotes Scripture"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #211: Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days (v. 1, 3)

Invitation to the Offering:

The Tempter's offerings ranged from the basics of life to the summit of power. Jesus declined them all in favor of loyalty to God and commitment to his mission. In giving, we set our course upon that same mission of Jesus, seeking to reject the temptations of wealth and power, and journey the generous road. Let our morning offering now be received.

Offertory: Adagio, Op.5 -- *Anding*

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

Take these gifts we offer, loving God, and use them for your work. Take our very selves – our hopes, our dreams, our plans, our wonderings – and use them, too, to make your world a better place. We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Hymn #336: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #243: (Praise Chorus Book) Seek Ye First (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response: #243 (Praise Chorus Book): Seek Ye First (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allegretto -- *Purcell*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 5 – Communion

Today, March 5 – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, March 12 – Council Meeting

Saturday, March 18 – Trustees Service Day

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Ushers: John Narruhn, Jason Rekis, Stuart Mori, Molina Rekis

Lay Reader: Bob Smith

Flowers: Dorothy Matsui & Amy Saito

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, 7:30 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 Marshallse 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