

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Third Sunday in Lent

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting:**

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Pastoral Welcome:**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared -- *Mansfield*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us sing a song to our God!

**People: Let us raise a joyful shout to the rock of our salvation!**

Leader: Let us come before God with thanks;

**People: let us shout songs of joy to our Creator.**

Leader: For God is great, ruler over all Creation.

**People: Mountains and oceans are in God's hands.**

Leader: Come, let us worship God!

**Hymn #326:** Crashing Waters at Creation (v. 1-4)

**Responsive Invocation**

Leader: In the driest desert, O God, you provided a rock that held a fountain for those who thirst.

**All: Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love.**

Leader: In a helpless world, at the right time, you sent Jesus to die for the ungodly.

**All: Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love.**

Leader: In a place of quarrelling, you provide an answer that holds life for those who hope.

**All: Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love.**

Leader: In a place of wonder, you provided living water, for those who met there.

**All: Come, gracious God, and fill us with your love. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Wade in the Water – *arr. Ruth Elaine Schram*

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:** John 4:5-42

**Sermon:** "Inviting Questions"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #586:** Come to Tend God's Garden (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Through Christ we are called to be sowers of God's truth and reapers of God's blessings.

Therefore, let us joyfully share a portion of what we have received from God so those in need may rejoice with us. Let this morning's offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Christ, We Adore and Worship Thee--*Dubois* 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**

**Great Provider, bless these offerings and multiply them according to your will. May they restore hope and wholeness to those who benefit from them. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**Hymn #498:** Jesu, Jesu (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #498:** Jesu, Jesu (v. 5)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Come, Ye Faithful – *Broughton* Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, March 19 – Refreshments after service—please join us  
 Today, March 19 – Board of Stewardship & Mission Meeting  
 Thursday, March 23 – Sr. Ministry: Homelessness in East Hawaii  
 Sunday, March 26 – J's Mini Mart  
 Sunday, March 26 – One Great Hour of Sharing offering

**Special Announcements**

Sr. Ministry Gathering: Malu Debus from Hope Services will speak on Homelessness in East Hawaii. Lunch is \$3.00 and you are invited.

Easter lilies may be purchased from Cynthia Debus; \$15.45 each, last day to order is Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board outside.

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson  
**Ushers:** John Narruhn, Jason Rekis, Stuart Mori, Molina Rekis  
**Lay Reader:** Ruth Niino-DuPonte  
**Flowers:** The Goya Family  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Cindy Debus  
**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** worship 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** – worship in the Building of Faith Sundays at 10 am.  
**Rev. Bensis Henry, Rev. Henry Wilson**
- **Congregational Christian Church of American Samoan** worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12.  
**Rev. Ausage Lelili'o and Rev. Rae Lelili'o**

- **The Bedesta Church** worship in the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.  
    **Rev. Edmes Edwin**
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 4 pm.  
    **Rev. Brandy Karben**
- **Muslim Community Group** worship in the Building of Faith Meeting Room, Fridays at 1:00