

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday of Easter, April 23, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Millie Daikawa

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Canzona -- *Zipoli*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** When doors were shut and the world was kept out,

**People:** **Resurrection found the disciples.**

**Leader:** When the church gathers and the world waits outside,

**People:** **Resurrection finds us.**

**Leader:** When fear grew and new questions were found,

**People:** **Resurrection found the disciples.**

**Leader:** When faith leads us into new questions about life,

**People:** **Resurrection finds us.**

**Leader:** When suffering remained and the city was hostile,

**People:** **Resurrection found the disciples.**

**Leader:** When Christ gathers with his followers in living worship,

**People:** **Resurrection finds us.**

**Leader:** Come, let us worship God!

**Hymn #253:** Yours Is the Glory, Resurrected One! (v. 1-3, English)

**Invocation in unison**

**God of great surprises, God of unbounded joy, into our uncertainties and faltering this day let your voice echo in our hearts: Breathe deeply, take good heart, do not be afraid. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Thanks Be to God – *music by Christoph Von Gluck* Rachel Edwards and  
Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**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:** 1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

**Sermon:** "Love Beyond Sight" Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #254:** These Things Did Thomas Count (v. 1-4)

**Invitation to the Offering**

There was a day when being a follower of Jesus brought danger: the threat of arrest, detention, even execution. To be a follower of Jesus today brings a different set of dangers: the risk of giving, the risk of forgiving, the risk of saying, “I’m sorry” and being forgiven. Take the risk of generosity this morning, and take the risk of loving with each new day. Let our morning offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Elevation -- *Batmann*

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

**Please join me in the Prayer of Dedication in unison**

**We offer you these gifts, O God, as testament to the fact that we have come out of hiding. We are here, ready to go and proclaim your message of love, forgiveness, and hope to all the world. Use us, with all our doubts and questions, to proclaim this simple truth to the world. We pray in the name of the risen Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn #230:** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (v. 1-2, 4)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #236:** Halleluja

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** March of Victory-- *Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, April 23 – Deacons Meeting  
 Monday, April 24 – The Gathering Place, hand bell fun  
 Thursday, April 27 – Sr. Ministry May Day Program  
 Sunday, April 30 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting  
 Sunday, April 30 – Bread for the World Bake Sale  
 Sunday, April 30 – J’s Mini Mart

### **Special Announcements**

The next Senior Ministry session will be this Thursday, April 27th, 10am to 12 noon. We will be treated to a May Day performance by students at `E Maka`ala School as well as a delicious lunch!! Please sign up on the senior ministry bulletin board or you may call the church office at 935-1283 if you're able to attend. Hope to see you there!

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

**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Newton Chu, Margaret Torigoe, and Esther Kodani

**Lay Reader:** Millie Daikawa

**Flowers:** Alice Fujimoto & Roberta Chu

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**Childcare:** Clarice Suzuki

**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 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 Meeting Room of 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 Meeting Room of the Building of Faith, Sundays at 1:30 pm.  
**Rev. Edmes Edwin**
- **Muslim Community Group** worship in the Building of Faith Meeting Room, Fridays at 1:00