

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm and Passion Sunday
April 9, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

John Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: All Glory Laud and Honor--Smith

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: They sang, they chanted, they shouted as Jesus rode slowly up the hill.

People: They laid their cloaks on the road before him; they took the palm branches from the trees and waved them joyfully.

Leader: But some were there who asked the Teacher to silence the crowd:

People: "If these were silent," he said to them, "the stones would cry out."

Leader: Let us not be silent, for Christ has come to us this morning.

People: We will not be silent, for we delight in God, and we will cry out in joy.

Hymn #216: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison

Hosanna Saviour, we wave our palms and sing our praise as we remember your triumphal entry into Jerusalem. May your Spirit enter the heart of our worship this day giving us the strength to endure the journey which is ahead. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Palm Sunday Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11

Parade of Palms #213: “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” (v. 1-3)

Blessing of the Palms

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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.**

Anthem: The Palms—by Faure arr. Philip Gray

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

Reading of the Passion: Matthew 26:14-27:66

Readers: Eric Anderson, Joyce Nakamoto, Jane Kawazoe, John Narruhn

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #218: Ah, Holy Jesus (v. 1, 3)

Invitation to the Offering

Jesus offered himself – no less than himself. Let us offer ourselves as well: not as a Savior, but as one redeemed. Let us offer ourselves in small things, such as these gifts of money, and let us offer ourselves in great things, with love for all God’s people. Let this morning’s offering now be received.

Offertory: Christ Triumphant -- *Blake*

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

Gracious God, even on a day such as this, when more than any other we contemplate how we have failed to uphold your word and your work, still we offer you these gifts of our hands and our hearts, and pray that you will receive them and use them, that together we might continue to tell the world of your love. Amen.

Hymn #219: Journey to Gethsemane (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #219: Journey to Gethsemane (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Ride On In Triumph, O King -- *Balcombe*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, April 9 – Council Meeting

Today, April 9 – Last day to sign Petition Regarding Our Solidarity With Immigrants

Thursday, April 13 – Maundy Thursday, 6 pm service

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday, noon to 3:00 pm sanctuary open for prayer

Saturday, April 15 – Holy Saturday, Easter Egg decoration, 9:00 am J's Café

Sunday, April 16 – Sunrise Easter service, 6:00 am at Wainaku Executive Center

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday he has risen! 10:00 am worship

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Egg hunt 9:15 a.m. J's Cafe

Sunday, April 16 – Collection of children's size rubber slippers ends.

Special Announcements

Rhythm & Life will return on Tuesday April 11th at 3 pm in the Building of Faith. Please join us.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Lay Reader: John Narruhn

Flowers: Janet Fujioka
Choir Director: Rachel Edwards
Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita
Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita
Childcare: Lei Jack
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 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

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- **Muslim Community Group** worship in the Building of Faith Meeting Room, Fridays at 1:00