

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Easter Sunday, April 16, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

<b>Pre-Service Music:</b> Thanks Be to God – music by Christoph Von Gluck	Rachel Edwards and Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Words of Greeting</b>	Bob Smith
<b>Pastoral Welcome</b>	Rev. Eric S. Anderson
<b>Prelude:</b> Low in the Grave He Lay/Christ Arose by Hughes-Lowry	Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: We come to this familiar place, seeking Jesus in the old, old story.

**People: Do not meet us only here, O Living Christ, but surprise us with your Resurrection power in all the places of our lives!**

Leader: We gather here to sing and pray the story that we know by heart, Its loving triumph and its powerful grace.

**People: This “Alleluia!” means great joy excites our worship here, and as we witness to new life in all the places of our lives!**

Leader: We rejoice and thank you for the life of your son, resurrected by the power of your loving, vibrant Spirit.

**People: Let this Easter Spirit fill the varied places of our lives, that we may know the truth of resurrection anywhere and everywhere!**

Leader: We join our hearts in song and sing “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” for Christ is living and so are we!

**People: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

**Hymn #233:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (v. 1-4)

### Invocation in unison

Loving God, we lift our hearts in praise. This very day we know that life rules over death. All your promises to your people hold new meaning. Christ is risen from the dead and so: we have new life. When all the world would turn aside your grace, Christ rose, declaring your unending "Yes!" As we hear that bold proclamation, help us find new ways to make it *our* proclamation in the "ordinary" hours of our lives. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

## WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem:** Christ Indeed is Risen Today! – *Kopyloff Arr by Ehret* Na Leo Ni`o Lani

### Time with Children and...

### Dedication of the Slippers

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:** Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 28:1-10

**Sermon:** "A Simple Story to Change the World"

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please remain seated for the hymn

**Hymn #242:** The Strife is O'er (v. 1-3)

### **Lay Reader: Invitation to the Offering**

We are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God, and now we turn in thanksgiving to share the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world. Let these our gifts be a living testimony to those who most need the healing grace of Christ this morning, cornerstones of faith and joy for the entire world. Let this morning's offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Lilies *by Mumma-Wilson*

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**

**O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.**

**Hymn #301:** Crown with Your Richest Crowns (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response (*Praise*) #264:** He Lives

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Easter Joy -- *Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

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

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

**Lay Reader:** Bob Smith

**Flowers:** Cindy Debus

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Jennifer Tanouye

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