

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 28, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Reilly Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken--*Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: We shout for joy to God who rides upon the clouds!

People: We sing praises to our awe-inspiring God, before whom the earth quakes, and whose abundant blessings provide for all in need!

Leader: God goes forth before the people, marching through the wilderness of their lives, bringing forth restoration and justice.

People: Sing praise to God, rider of the ancient skies, who dwells in holiness.

Leader: Proclaim the power of God!

People: O God, how awesome you are in your sanctuary! You give power and strength to your people.

Leader: Let us worship God!

Hymn #402: De colores (Spanish, v. 1-2)

Invocation in unison:

Puna: As we worship together, O God, may we live together.

Hamakua: As we live together, O God, may we witness together.

Puna: As we witness together, O God, may we journey together.

Hamakua: As we journey together, O God, may we meet together.

Puna: As we meet together, O God, may we worship together.

All: And may our worship be in you, O God, as you are in us. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

IYAA

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.

Scriptures: Acts 1:6-14

John 17:1-11

Sermon: "Jesus' Witnesses"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1, 3-5)

Invitation to the Offering

The gifts of God extend from the restless, swirling core of the Earth below us to the dancing, whirling stars, glowing in their galaxies. Such giving summons us to give as well: to give our thanks, to give our praise, to give as we might give, in the image of our Creator. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Presence Divine -- *Smith*

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:

For all the gifts we have been given, we give thanks: The gift of your love, the gift of Jesus, the gift of life everlasting. We acknowledge our mission to serve and so we bring what we can that others may know your love, too. We pray with all our relations. Amen.

Hymn #400: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation (v. 1-3)

Benediction:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #236: Halleluja (repeat first verse)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Tune for the Trumpets--*Bach*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, May 28 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day—Office closed, No Gathering Place

Saturday, June 3 – Trustees Service Day

Sunday, June 4 – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, June 4 – Communion

Sunday, June 4 – Strengthen the Church offering

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Woody Kita, Bev Dodo, Mary Ann Katayama, and Ann Kanahela

Lay Reader: Reilly Narruhn

Flowers: Anita Mathews

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Gail Wung

Office Manager: Pearl "Momi" Lyman

Pre-Service Music: Bob and Sue Smith

Projected Imagery: Sue Smith

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

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 Samoa** worship in the sanctuary, Sundays at 12 noon.
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 pm.