

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 25, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting Margaret Torigoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Prelude in C Major – *J. S. Bach*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

All: How well are we known by God?

Leader: God knows the number of hairs on our head, God knows us that well.

All: How well does God know our world?

Leader: God knows each sparrow that falls from the sky, God knows the world that well.

All: What does God promise?

Leader: God promises to love us always.

All: Always, in every circumstance?

Leader: Always, in every circumstance, in our failure and in our success, in conflict and in harmony, God loves us.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Hymn #475: God's Eye Is on the Sparrow (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

Living God, we enter this time of worship for we feel you calling to us and urging us to be a part of your family. We stand with all the people gathered here in hopeful community, choosing to be a place where your generosity and kindness dwell. 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: Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

Sermon: Stressed Disciples

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (Three Greatest Things) (v. 1-2)

Invitation to the Offering

Whatever the stresses of our lives, God loves us. With our giving, let us celebrate the loving presence of God, and display it through all the troubled places of the world. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: Fughetta -- *Muffat*

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

We would be like you, God, and notice the small things that count – sparrows that fall, and hairs on our neighbour’s head. We would be like you, and know what is worth taking a risk. We would live like you, and know what to keep and what to discard. We would be beacons of hope in the world, offering strength and compassion. As we encounter you in our lives, we would recognize you and respond to your call. Amen.

Closing Hymn #234 (Praise!): Thy Word (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #236 (Praise!): Make Me a Servant (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Fanfare -- *Lemmons*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, June 25 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, June 25 – J’s Mini Mart

Monday, June 26 – The Gathering Place

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Stefan Tanouye, Jennifer Tanouye, Jean Tanouye & Lillian Tanouye

Lay Reader: Margaret Torigoe

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Erin Okuda

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
- **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.