

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting Roberta Chu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Lift Thine Eyes – *Mendelssohn-Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, come gather here to praise our God; for the one who so delighted in creating all that is abides with us and within us today.

People: Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Leader: Let us delight in this community and the warm and loving relationships that grow within it.

People: Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Leader: Let us remember Christ who loved sharing stories and bringing healing and wholeness to all he encountered.

People: Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Leader: Let us feel the embracing goodness of the Spirit who leads us toward a future of justice and joy.

People: Our hearts are filled with gladness.

Hymn #539: Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant (v. 1-6)

Invocation in unison:

With hearts filled with gladness we come to you, O God. We come to this place, not because you are here only, but because in this place we may be glad together. We come with these people, not because others do not love you, but because we recognize love in common ways. We come at this time, not because you wake and sleep, but because we do, and in this morning, our hearts are filled with gladness. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Wellsprings

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: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Sermon: "Test of Compassion"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #497: Guide My Feet (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

We live in a world so filled with wonders that we frequently fail to see how wonderful they are. Each blade of grass is astounding, yet they grow in such

abundance we even call them nuisances. In this moment, let yourself appreciate the wonders of Creation. In this moment, let yourself appreciate your choice and ability to give. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: Canzonetta – *Thomas-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

We thank you, God, for all you provide. We are delighted by the gifts we receive and delight in being your people on Earth. We dedicate ourselves to serving and loving your world. Amen.

Hymn #537: Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

Benediction:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: O Wondrous -- *Manfield*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, July 9 – Council Meeting

Monday, July 10 – The Gathering Place: Movie “Grave of Fireflies”

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: James Yoshiyama, Connie Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem and Carol Morioka

Lay Reader: Roberta Chu

Flowers: Roberta Chu

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Eileen Shiraishi

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.