

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 16, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Karl Kawahara

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Trumpet in Dialogue--*Clerambault*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: How shall we come to worship today? Shall we come in our Sunday best with our manners in tow? Shall we come all buttoned up and tight-lipped with the “truth”? Shall we come with our game-face on, primed to put on a great show? Shall we come prim and pressed with no hair out of place?

**People: We come as we are. We come searching for an authentic and genuine relationship with God.**

Leader: Come. Let us worship God.

**Hymn #72:** Sekai no Tomo (v. 1 Japanese, v. 1, 4 English)

**Invocation in unison**

**Holy One, as we gather for worship this day, may we come united in your love. May we seek wholeness in your Spirit. May we find peace in your presence. May we absorb the kindness found in our neighbours. May we come ready. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

**WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** The Call – *Ralph Vaughn Williams*

Amy Horst  
Kanako Okita, pianist

## 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:** Genesis 25:19-34  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sermon:** "How Shall We Stand?"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

**Hymn #318:** Almighty God, Your Word is Cast (v. 1-4)

### Invitation to the Offering

The world is divided. It's true. And yet we can still determine to come together, to do a great thing, to love a great love. Together, let us make wonders. Let our morning offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Bercense--*Iljinsky*

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

**O God, we bring us together to bear fruit. Here we are; our labors are behind us, what we have made is around us, our gifts are here before you. Bless each day of**

labor, each hour of ease, each outreach of love, each gift of our hearts. In Jesus' name, Amen.

**Hymn #181:** You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 1-4)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #50 (Praise!):** Change My Heart, O God

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Postlude in D – *Rinck-Nordman*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, July 16 – Family Promise Meeting after worship

Monday, July 17 – Blood Bank of Hawaii in the Building of Faith

Saturday, July 22 – Trustees Service Day

Sunday, July 23 – Deacons Meeting

Sunday, July 23 – Family Thank Offering collections

Sunday, July 23 – J's Mini Mart

**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:** Karl Kawahara

**Flowers:** Reiko Masutomi

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**Childcare:** Kay Kawachika

**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**

- **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.