

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 23, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Gloria Kobayashi

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Pastorale – *Jenkins*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship in unison:

Here in this space heaven and earth touch; here in this place, the gateway to grace is wide open; for here the people of God come to worship and God enfolds us close in welcoming embrace, “I am with you,” God declares. Come enter into this sacred space; come enter into God’s warm embrace; come be held in this community of grace, we are all welcome here.

Hymn #33 (Sing!): There’s a Spirit of Love in This Place (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

God, you know me as I am, you are acquainted with all my wills and ways. You gather me in, and enfold me in your grace. Yet I find this knowledge so hard to understand. Is there any place I go that is away from your spirit? Is there anywhere I could flee from your presence? If I fly to farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and hold me fast. If I asked the darkness to enfold me, and the light around me to turn to night, the darkness would not hide me; for the night is as bright as the day to you, and the darkness cannot extinguish your light. It was you who formed me; as I was knitted together in my mother’s womb. And I am so fearfully and wonderfully made. God, you are in all places, in heaven and earth. Your works are wonderful; that I know. And I know that your promise is true, you will be with me always. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Jean Sibelius Op. 75-5 “The Spruce”

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.**

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-19

Sermon: “Oil on Stone”

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #500: We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

Jacob fled, and did not escape himself. He did not escape his deeds. He did not escape God. God began to reshape him, reform him, renew him into someone whose name would be honored for millennia. We do not escape God either, and let us be glad in that: We cannot escape the God of Love. Today as we submit also to our Family Thank Offering, we give so that others may also realize that they have not escaped the God of love: Aloha has come and found them. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Andante – *Franck-Coop*

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:

God of grace, You move the cosmos. You scatter the stars; you set the planets to whirl. Move us, we pray, from where we are to where we might be: lighter, more giving, more loving, and more loved. Accept these gifts as a step along the way. Bless those whose steps become lighter through our Family Thank Offering, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Hymn #563: We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #606: Nearer, My God, to You (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Finale – *Garlick*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, July 23 – Deacons Meeting

Today, July 23 – Family Thank Offering collections

Today, July 23 – J's Mini Mart

Thursday, July 27 – Senior Ministry 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Our delegate, Sue Smith, will share her reflections on the 2017 General Synod in Baltimore. Please join us.

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: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Family of Grayson Inouye

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

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

- **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.