

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 30, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jean Pierre Thomas

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Parable -- *Kreutz*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: People, take a deep breath. And let it out. Take another deep breath. And let it out. Take one more deep breath: And let it out. Now, come gather around. Take this time to step out of the obstacle course of daily life and step into the loving embrace of God.

**People: Here we can stop stressing and cease the juggling of having to manage it all,**

Leader: Here we can catch our breath and regain our balance,

**People: Here we find treasure that no wealth or striving can buy,**

Leader: Here the Spirit offers us kindness and care,

**People: Here we are home in the loving family of God.**

**Hymn #18:** Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer

**Invocation in unison:**

**People disappoint us, O God. Sometimes they promise more than they can do, sometimes they have to choose between another obligation and ours, sometimes they simply lie. We come to you because while you may not give us all we want, you never fail to give us what we need. We come to you because while we may feel alone, you never let us face our trials alone. Here we are, disappointed people and disappointing people in our turn: Here we are, your people, seeking you never-ending love. Be with 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.**

**Scripture: Genesis 29:15-28  
Romans 8:26-39**

**Sermon: "Deceived"**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #580: O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer) (v. 1-4)**

**Invitation to the Offering**

We walk a tightrope each and every day between the claims that others have over us, between our own needs and the needs of others, between our obligations to ourselves, our families, our neighbors, and our God. Each day a new breeze comes along to threaten our balance and throw us from our precarious perch. And each day, as well, God helps us hold our course, and meet at least some of the needs, and honor our neighbors with our care. Our offering is both a step along the way and an aid to our balance on the tightrope, bringing us nearer to the beloved disciples we would be and supporting us amid the winds. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory: Variation II – Pachelbel-Hilf**

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

**Doxology in Chuukese:**

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin  
pun i echok a manaman sipwe  
Mwareiti feilfoilo Kot Sam  
Kot Nau Kot Ngunmifel -- Amen

**Prayer of Dedication in unision:**

**God of goodness and kindness, here we stand on solid ground, secure in the knowledge that by keeping our eyes on you and by honouring your command to love our neighbour we will find guidance and balance in our lives. Amen.**

**Hymn #413:** By Gracious Powers (v. 1-4)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #107 (Sing!):** Your Grace is Enough (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Postlude -- *McKay*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, July 30 – Stewardship & Mission

Sunday, August 6 – Trustees Meeting

Sunday, August 6 – Communion

Sunday, August 6 – Church picnic

**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

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**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
- 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
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2 pm, in J’s Cafe

**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.