

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Barbara Iwami

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: The Living Water -- *Martin*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: People of God, look around. Here in this place we come face to face with the people of this church community,

People: the Body of Christ alive and active in the world.

Leader: Here we meet God face to face

People: in the telling of the stories of our faith,

Leader: in recalling the deeds of the community of saints,

People: in the sacrament of bread and wine,

Leader: in confession offered and forgiveness granted. Here as the spirit dances around and within us

All: we encounter God as the word made flesh and we are held in grace. Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 1-3)

Responsive Invocation:

Leader: Like a hungry crowd,

All: we come to be fed.

Leader: Like an anxious child,

All: we come to be comforted.

Leader: Like a forlorn friend,

All: we come seeking kindness.

Leader: Like an agitated mob,

All: we come demanding answers.

Leader: Like a refugee,

All: we come needing a home.

Leader: Like a joyous bride,

All: we come to share our joy.

Leader: Like a newborn babe,

All: we come with hearts and minds open to all that life offers.

Leader: Like pilgrims of old,

All: we come looking for truth.

Leader: Here we reach out to grasp your hand, here we meet you face-to-face

All: and we are glad. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Jesus Calls Us—*William J Jude*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

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 32:22-31

Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon: "It May Not Take Much – But It Might"

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

With five loaves and two fish, Jesus fed a multitude. First he fed their souls, because they were confused. Then he fed their bodies, because they needed strength. How many around our world are starved for guidance; how many around our world are starved for bread? Let us bring our five loaves and two fish, and do our part to feed the multitude. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Recitative for Flute -- *Paxton*

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:

O God, accept these gifts. Let your power receive them and transform them, so that the thirsty in spirit may be refreshed, so that those held in injustice may be set free, so that those seeking their daily bread may have life. Receive, transform, and bless, by your Holy Spirit: Amen.

Hymn #321: Break Now the Bread of Life (v. 1-2)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Rev. Ausage Lelili'o

Rev. Rae Lelili'o

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #77: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 1-3)

Benediction: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #107 (Sing!): Your Grace is Enough (v. 1-2)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Hymn of Praise -- *Denton* Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, August 6 – Communion

Today, August 6 – Church picnic

Sunday, August 13 – Council Meeting

Sunday, August 13 – Sunday School resumes

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Newton Chu, Margaret Torigoe, Janet Fujioka

Lay Reader: Barbara Iwami

Flowers: Anne Sadayasu

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Roberta Chu

Pre-Service Music: Bob and Sue Smith

Projected Imagery: Sue Smith

Web Master: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Office Manager: Pearl “Momi” Lyman

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.