

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 20, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Biff Kennedy

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** *Allegro – Walther, Norris*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

**Leader:** People of God, how good and pleasant it is that we have come as kindred together: Here we remember our Creator,

**People:** **the lover and maker of all, who called Earth and all its creatures into being.**

**Leader:** Here we are embraced in the loving hospitality of God.

**People:** **Who knows us as beloved, and holds us in kindness and care all the days of our lives.**

**Leader:** Here we meet Christ risen.

**People:** **We remember we are baptized into the way of compassion, and open our hearts and minds to the Spirit of grace.**

**Leader:** Here we build the church.

**People:** **We remember the patriarchs and matriarchs of the Hebrew Scriptures, the apostles of the early church and those whose mission has brought us to this place, and stand ready to take our place with them.**

**Leader:** Here we remember that we are family,

**People:** **sisters and brothers on a journey of faith, called to be light and salt, and bringers of restoration and peace.**

**Hymn #21:** God Reigns o'er All the Earth (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invocation in unison:**

**We are glad to come into this time of worship, to step out of the place of the everyday and into the place where ordinary things become extraordinary, out of ordinary time and into the time where things can be made anew. Amen.**

**Gloria Patri**

### **WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD**

**Anthem:** Vidit Suum Dulcem Natum—*Giovani Pergolessi* Rachel Edwards, soloist  
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 45:1-15  
Matthew 15:10-28:

**Sermon:** Cleansing What Has Been Defiled

### **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #179:** We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering**

Here it is: a chance to remake the world, to remake the community, to remake ourselves. Here is a chance to cleanse something that has been defiled, and to bring love and mercy. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** A Song of Peace -- *Hutson*

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 reconciliation, you are working to make all things new. Use us your people for your purposes of justice and love. Amen.**

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

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #580:** O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** March in C – *C. von Weber*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, August 20 – Refreshments by IYAA; join us after worship.  
Monday, August 21 – The Gathering Place will be playing pickle ball and other exciting board games. Come play with us.  
Sunday, August 27 – Deacons Meeting  
Sunday, August 27 – J's Mini Mart  
Sunday, August 27 – Budget Committee Meeting

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Ushers:** Kay Kawachika, Newton Chu, Margaret Torigoe

**Lay Reader:** Biff Kennedy

**Flowers:** Herbert Watanabe

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Eric Tanouye

**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.