

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 3, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Parable--*Krentz*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: Like mighty koa trees,

People: we open our arms to you, O God.

Leader: Like swaying palm trees,

People: we feel your Spirit move among us.

Leader: Like banana trees heavy with fruit,

People: we offer our gifts to you and to the world. May they nourish and sustain.

Hymn #70: God Is Here! As We Your People Meet (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

Let us emulate your forests, Creator God. May we be deep-rooted in the soil of your word. Nourish us with scripture and Spirit that we may grow stronger and taller. May our outstretched arms provide shelter and bear fruit for all your creatures, and your spirit blow through our branches. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Flowers Will Bloom—Shunji and Yoko

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.**

Scripture: Acts 17:22-28

Sermon: "The Known Unknown"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Please remain seated for the hymn

Hymn #398: Shadow and Substance (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

God loves a cheerful giver, said the apostle. So in this moment, let your thoughts turn to what gives you joy: the bright sun, the refreshing rain, the green coolness of the forest, the trilling of the songbird. Cheered by God's goodness, let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Carrillons--*Berridge*

Kayleen Yuda

Please rise if you are able

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:

Great and Holy One, as we sojourn through your world, may we be ever mindful of leaving a light footprint, to give generously, and to care for one another. Multiply our gifts and our works, that they may amplify your beauty and grace. Amen.

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-2)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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

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Closing Hymn #341: Great Spirit God (v. 1, 2, 4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #43 (Praise!): Bind Us Together (v. 1) (insert enclosed)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: All Things Are Become New -- *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 3 – Communion

Today, September – Trustees Meeting

Monday, September 4 – CHC Office Closed

Monday, September 4 – The Gathering Place: Ukulele playing and singing

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Charity Mori, Anita Matthews, Joyce Nakamoto & Millie Daikawa

Lay Reader: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Flowers: Katada & Tadaki Families

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita
Childcare: Eileen Shiraishi
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.