

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
12th Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

John Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: he Leadeth Me -- *Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: The apostle urged us to resist the ways the world would bend us to be just like everyone else,

People: **We long, therefore, to be renewed in mind and spirit. We want to know the will of God.**

Leader: Again and again we hear the voices raised in pride, the voices who would tell us they are good, acceptable, and perfect.

People: **We long, therefore, to find our own humility, and in that quiet place to listen for the Spirit.**

Leader: We have been given gifts: of leadership, of wisdom, of skill with hands, and skill with words, of tender heart expressed with love.

People: **We long, therefore, to understand and share our gifts, and with them share the grace of God who gave them first to us.**

Hymn #304: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (v. 1, 3-4)

Invocation in unison:

Jesus, we claim you as Saviour and friend. This may seem a bold claim, yet we know your grace and love and so we speak it boldly. We fix our vision on you so that we see the world with the clear sight of your discerning Spirit. We seek to know your mind and lay ourselves open to walking your path. We ask that you gather us in your warm embracing kindness, this day and always. 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.**

Scriptures: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: Institutional Rebels

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #574: In Egypt under Pharaoh (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

With praise and thanks, we create new life. With vigor and sweat, we deliver our love. With care and hope, we stretch out our hands. We give our gifts of tithes and offerings to renew the world again. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: In This Holy Hour -- *Livingston*

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 unison:

O God, with praise and thanks, vigor and sweat, care and hope, we bless these gifts in your love. In Christ Jesus, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #301: Crown with Your Richest Crowns (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #301: Crown with Your Richest Crowns (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Jubilee -- *Mansfield*

Kayleen Yuda

Special Announcements

Give Aloha: Foodland's annual fundraiser starts September 1st and continues through September 30th. Our organization code is 77840.

Dates to Remember

Today, August 27 – Deacons Meeting

Today, August 27 – J's Mini Mart

Today, August 27 – Budget Committee Meeting

Monday, August 28 – The Gathering Place: "Eat Wisely" Free gardening and cooking demo brought to you by HMSA

Friday, September 1 – Give Aloha: Foodland's fundraiser begins

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Newton Chu, Margaret Torigoe

Lay Reader: John Narruhn

Flowers: Carol Morioka

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Anne Sadayasu

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.