

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation: Land Sunday, September 10, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Stefan Tanouye

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: *Air – Galliard-Medlock*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: You formed the first human body from the dust of the earth;

People: today we gather as the Body of Christ.

Leader: You breathed the breath of life into us;

People: as we breathe, we feel your spirit filling us.

Leader: You welcomed us into your garden, which offered us fruit and vegetables to eat, and asked us to take care of it.

People: We have work to do. May we plant seeds of righteousness and cultivate new life this day.

Hymn #12: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

Gracious God, even as we look to the heavens for your light, we plant our feet firmly on the ground. We know your love comes through warm sunlight, refreshing rain, and life emerging from the earth. We see your creativity in the complexity of the onion, the beauty of the anthurium, and the fiery colors of ginger. We taste your spirit in the sweetness of the lychee, the tartness of lilikoi, and the tannins of tea leaves. Open us to the many ways in which your goodness and abundance emerge from the land.

Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: How Beautiful Upon the Mountains – *John Carter* 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: Psalm 139:7-12

Sermon: Fly on the Wings of the Morning Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #351: I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering

Life carries us through joys and sorrows, through mysteries and clarity, through experiences of riches and experiences of poverty. Today, reach into the wealth of today – be it financial, emotional, or spiritual – and offer it to God. Place what is tangible in the offering plate, and place what you carry in your heart in the hands of Jesus. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Aria Da Chiesa – *Martini-Blake* 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:

Giver of life, just as were our ancestors, we are but sojourners living on Earth for a while. May our gifts contribute to the flourishing of your creation and your larger vision for life and wholeness, for this generation and for those to come. Amen.

Hymn #3: Wakantanka Taku Nitawa (v. 1 Dakota, v. 1-2 English)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allegretto – *Ashford*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 10 – Council Meeting

Saturday, September 16 – Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Sunday, September 17 – Suicide Awareness Session – after worship

Monday, September 18 – The Gathering Place: Movie

Month of September – Foodland: Give Aloha CHC organization code is 77840

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Joyce Nakamoto

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Carol Morioka

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, 9:00 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.