

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Just Peace Sunday, September 17, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Latai Loa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: The Breath of God -- *Landis*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: **God of Justice and Peace we need you.**

Leader: We were dead in our trespasses and sins in which we once lived.

People: **God of Justice we remember.**

Leader: But while we were sinners Christ died for us. God who is rich in mercy, out of love, made us alive together with Christ.

People: **God of Peace we repent.**

Leader: It is God who breaks down the dividing wall of hostility. God who comes proclaiming peace to those who are far off and those who are near.

All: **God of all, help us renew and be renewed in your love.**

Hymn #270: Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

Come, true light. Come, treasure without name. Come, reality beyond all words.

Remember us in your light for the darkness of our world tries to define us. Remember us, who are impoverished by the cost of the division and violence we have set before one another. Remember us, as we remember the reality that all people are made in your image. Come, remember us and your world. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies-*Healey Willan* 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.**

Mission Presentations:

Board of Deacons

Board of Christian Education

Scripture: Romans 14:1-12

Sermon: Essentials and Opinions

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #571: O God of Love, O God of Peace (v. 1-3)

Reception of New Members:

Linda Larson (Letter of Transfer)

Genie Phillips (Re-affirmation of Faith)

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Sharing of the Covenant

All: We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We agree to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the entire world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did those who came before us, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.

Welcome:

Pastor: Let us, the members of Church of the Holy Cross UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Prayer

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Invitation to the Offering

As we remember our history, repent of our sins, and pray for the renewal of our relationships with each other and with God's creation, let us make an offering to God who exemplified for us the way of Just Peace.

Offertory: Simple Prayer- *Ford*

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:

We thank you, God, from whom are all blessings. We thank you for bringing us together in a community of hope that can dream of a world filled with justice, mercy, and peace. Bless these gifts, given in hope and love, that they may become a part of your peacemaking works in this world. Amen.

Hymn #570: We Shall Overcome (v. 1-3, 6)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Soli Deo Gloria -- *Wilson*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 17 – Suicide Awareness Session – after worship

Today, September 17 – Refreshments served after worship

Monday, September 18 – The Gathering Place: Gardening & games

Sunday, September 24 – Deacons Meeting

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: Latai Loa

Flowers: Karl Kawahara & Moira Tanaka

Refreshments: Hats Kamimura, Janet Fujioka, Carol Morioka & Deacons of Church of the Holy Cross

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Moira Tanaka

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

▪ **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Sundays, 8:30 am, Sanctuary

- **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 Café

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.