

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: River Sunday, September 24, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Anne Sadayasu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** They'll Know We are Christians by our Love – *Scholtes-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** At the beginning of creation, the waters of chaos covered the earth;

**All:** **God brings order from chaos.**

**One:** God formed land and brought life to it, and created humans as helpers;

**All:** **God brings order from chaos.**

**One:** In the time of Noah, God flooded the earth, then committed to keep it;

**All:** **God brings order from chaos.**

**One:** Christ was immersed in the cold, rushing waters of baptism, an act of immersion into the fullness of the human experience.

**All:** **God brings order from chaos.**

**One:** We hold fast to a vision of a life-giving river bringing healing to the nations.

**All:** **May God draw us into the work of bringing order from chaos.**

**Hymn #4:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invocation in unison:**

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. God, we weep at the changes we see in the world. We feel powerless. We wonder where to find hope. We pray for mindful acceptance of the**

crisis at hand. Not acceptance that leads to complacency, but acceptance that empowers us to respond with clarity, competence, and faithfulness. Refresh our bodies, minds, and spirits this day that we may drench your world with compassion, love and hope. Amen.

### **Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen. Amen.

## **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.**

Please be seated

**Scripture:** Revelation 22:1-5

**Sermon:** Bright as Crystal

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #:** Down to the River to Pray (insert, v. 1-3)

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Every time we feel water wash over our hands, let us give thanks.  
Every time our thirst is quenched, let us give thanks.  
Every time we feel the coolness of mist, let us give thanks.  
Every time we are drenched by rains, let us give thanks.  
Every time we give, let us give thanks. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Air—*Purcell*

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

(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, every time we dip our toes into waters, we give thanks. Every time we get our hair wet, we give thanks. And as we give thanks, we recommit our lives to you. Great Creator, River of Life, all we have is yours. We are your people. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Hymn #478:** I've Got Peace Like a River (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #478:** I've Got Peace Like a River (v. 4)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Toccata-Chorale on "Slane" – *Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

### **Dates to Remember**

Today, September 24 – Board of Deacons Meeting after worship  
Monday, September 25 – The Gathering Place: Gardening & handwork  
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:** Anne Sadayasu  
**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye & Kyle Nakayama Families  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Lolita 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
- **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
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#### **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.