

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 1, 2017
World Communion Sunday
Special Offering: Neighbors in Need
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Spirit of the Living God – *Iverson-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: Come and recall the stories of our ancestors,

People: We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Leader: Recall how God divided the seas and made the waters stand like a heap.

People: We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Leader: Recall how God led our ancestors with clouds and fiery lights.

People: We will remember the glorious deeds of God.

Leader: Recall how God made streams come out of the rock in the wilderness, causing water to flow down like rivers.

People: We will remember and tell new generations of the glorious deeds of God.

Leader: Come and worship God, who has and continues to do glorious deeds.

Hymn #18: Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

God, we thank you for words and actions that tell the story of who we are and from where we have come. We thank you for the abundance of your gifts, and for the ability to find something extraordinary in unexpected places. May we uncover something special in this sacred time together. 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: Let Us Bread Bread Together

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: Exodus 17:1-7

Sermon: "Are You Listening to This, God?"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #498: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

On this Neighbors in Need Sunday, our gifts serve two purposes: First, to sustain our ministries of each and every day here in Hilo, and through our wider mission to places near and far. Second, we give for particular efforts to support our neighbors in America, particularly those bearing witness to the love of Christ in Native American churches on the mainland. Let your gifts bear witness to our commitment to our witness here, and our love for those elsewhere in our land. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Communion – *Purvis*

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:

With humility, we share these offerings with the church to further our ministry together. With hope, we offer our gifts with each other so that we can all be more like Jesus. With love, we offer our praise and dedication to you, O God, now and always. Amen.

Hymn #337: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (v. 1-2)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Consecrating the Bread and Cup

Pastor: On this World Communion Sunday, let us come to God for the breaking of the bread. Let us pray:

People: God of vast creation, God of heaven and earth, we thank you for the bread of life.

Pastor: We recall the time when you preserved the children of Israel by leading them to Egypt, where your prophet Joseph had gathered grain.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is bread baked from wheat to keep us whole and sound.

Pastor: We recall the time when they fled slavery into a barren land, and you fed them with your manna.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is rice, which nourishes so many hungry people every day.

Pastor: We recall the time your people found a promised land, rejoicing in its plenty.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is banana bread, in which we taste the sweetness of life.

Pastor: We recall the time when Israel was taken into exile, and they sought to worship you in a new land.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is ulu, breadfruit, which has nourished Polynesian peoples wherever they have traveled.

Pastor: We recall that in your wisdom and mercy, O God, you have never left your people hungry when your Spirit might provide.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is poi from taro root, which keeps our bodies rooted in the land.

Pastor: And we recall, O God, that when your people were starved for your Spirit, you sent us Jesus, to fill us and make us whole.

People: There on our Communion table, O God, is an empty bowl, which reminds of the hungry we still yearn to feed, and reminds us of the love of Christ which fills our souls from depth to height.

The pastor continues with the prayer.

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

After the prayer, please return to your seat in the pews during the closing hymn.

Closing Hymn #417: This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1-2, communion verse)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Trumpet Tune in F – *Jordan*

Kayleen Yuda

Special Announcement

Please join us after worship for an important presentation by Teresa Ramsey, Regional Director of Family Promise a non-profit organization that assists homeless families.

Dates to Remember

Today, October 1– Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, October 1 – Special Offering for Neighbors in Need

Monday, October 2 – The Gathering Place: Ukulele, walking and potluck!

Sunday, October 8 – Council Meeting after worship

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Ben Masutomi, Reiko Masutomi, Sets Takemoto & Tammy Nagami

Lay Reader: Bob Smith

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Merle Okabe

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.