

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 8, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Molina Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Promenade (from Pictures at an Exhibition) – *Modest Mussorgski*

Kanako Okita

Call to Worship:

Leader: The law of God is perfect.

People: Reviving the soul.

Leader: The decrees of God are right.

People: Rejoicing the heart.

Leader: The commandments of God are clear.

People: Enlightening our spirits.

Leader: The heavens are telling the Glory of our God.

People: Let us proclaim God's handiwork in praise and worship.

Hymn #20: God of Abraham and Sarah (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

God of community, who binds us together in mutual respect and love, we do not seek righteousness or piety, fancy words and ornate actions. We humbly and reverently seek to be in deeper relationship with you, and to offer our awe and respect as best we know how. 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: When the Saints/Swing Low/This Train is Bound for Glory/I'm Gonna Sing—
Purvis, Willis, Tharpe and Prima 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.**

Please be seated

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sermon: Deceptively Simple

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #497: Guide My Feet

Invitation to the Offering:

The Biblical advice is simple: Love God. Love your neighbor. Doing it, however, is not simple. How do we know we are truly loving God? How do we know we are truly loving our neighbor? In this moment, let us give into the uncertainty, and ask for God's wisdom

and guidance, so that our neighbors may know our love, and so God may know our love in our giving. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Gymnopedie No. 3 – *Erik Satie*

Kanako Okita

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:

Loving God, help us to be good stewards of the gifts that you have provided us, and good tenants of the Earth that we call home. Bless gifts and givers to your service. Amen.

Hymn #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Hallelujah – *G. F. Handel*

Kanako Okita

Dates to Remember

Today, October 8 – Council Meeting after worship

Monday, October 9 – The Gathering Place—Gardening until 10 am,

Movie: “Hidden Figures” at 10 am

Sunday, October 15 – General Membership Meeting

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

Lay Reader: Molina Rekis

Flowers: Bob and Sue Smith

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita
Childcare: Jeanne Hernandez
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.