

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 15, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Woody Kita

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude**

Cindy Debus

**Call to Worship:**

Leader: Gather at the mountain of God's holiness.

**People: Today is a day to celebrate God.**

Leader: Gather aware of those you left behind to be here.

**People: Today is a day to stand in the gap between God and God's children.**

Leader: Gather to share God's presence.

**People: Today is a day of transformation for us and for God's world.**

**Hymn #25:** O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-2, 4, 6)

**Invocation in unison:**

**Living God, at times you seem so distant; help us know you are near. At times we stray; welcome us home. Standing in your presence, we know there are other people we could be with; help us bridge the gap between your presence and the people we love. We pray in the name of Christ who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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:** Amazing Grace/My Charins Are Gone – *Newton, Ross, Othello Excell, Tomlin, and Gigilo* 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**

**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.**

**Scriptures: Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Exodus 32:1-14**

**Sermon:** Safety

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #492:** I Would Be True (v. 1-3)

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Moses stood in the breach between God and humanity. It's our turn to do the same. What will you give to extend God's love and care to others? Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory**

Cindy Debus

### **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:**

**Gracious God, receive the gift of our lives and this offering of our service to carry your love from this place to a world in need. This we pray in the name of Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns in our hearts and lives, one God now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn #439: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1-4)**

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)**

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude**

Cindy Debus

**Dates to Remember**

Today, October 15 – General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 16 – The Gathering Place: Gardening and games

Sunday, October 22 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting

Sunday, October 22 – Deacons Meeting

Thursday, October 26 – New Members Information Gathering, Pastors Study

Sunday, October 29 – All Saints Day – Homecoming potluck

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

**Lay Reader:** Woody Kita

**Flowers:** Amy Shiroma & Clarice Suzuki

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**Childcare:** Carolyn Lum-Bellem

**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.