

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 22, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Faith Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude

Cindy Debus

Call to Worship:

Leader: Our God is great; let us praise God's great and awesome name!

People: **God is Holy!**

Leader: Our God is a lover of justice; let us praise God's justice and righteousness.

People: **God is Holy!**

Leader: Our God is a leader of the people,

People: **let us praise and worship the Lord, for God is Holy.**

Hymn #582: O God of Earth and Altar (v. 1-3)

Invocation in unison:

Holy One, we have been called together to do your work, to be a church with purpose: faith nurtured and hearts comforted, gifts shared for the good of all, resistance to the forces that exploit and marginalize, fierce love in the face of violence, human dignity defended, members of a community helped and inspired by God, corrected and comforted, instruments of the loving Spirit of Christ, creation's mending. We will need your help, for your will is hard. 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

**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: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22**

Sermon: All You've Got to Do Is Be Worth Imitating

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #448: Take My Life, God, Let It Be (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

Let us share the gospel each day with compassion, tenderness, and love. Let us share the gospel each day with our work to build a blessed community. Let us share the gospel right now with our gifts to satisfy hungers of the spirit. 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:

O God, it is up to us to share your gospel, using all the resources that you provide. It is up to us to learn our whole story, as your whole people. With these gifts, God, empower us to do your work of sharing the gospel and welcoming all who seek to share in your story. Amen.

Hymn #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Cindy Debus

Dates to Remember

Today, October 22 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting

Today, October 22 – Deacons Meeting

Today, October 22 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, October 23 – The Gathering Place: Gardening and games

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: Faith Narruhn

Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sakumoto

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Cindy Debus

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Malia Mattos

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.