

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
All Saints Sunday, October 29, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome:

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Introit: Sine Nomine

Hand Bell Choir

—*Ralph Vaughen Williams, arr. Bill Ingram*

Call to Worship:

Leader: See what great love has been given to us?

People: We are called children of God!

Leader: When we mourn, we receive comfort.

People: When we are humble, we inherit the earth.

Leader: When we hunger for righteousness, we are filled.

People: When we are merciful, we receive mercy.

Leader: When we are poor in spirit, we receive the realm of heaven.

People: When we purify our hearts, we see God.

Leader: Come, let us worship in the love and peace of God:

People: For we are called the children of God.

Hymn #295: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (v. 1-3)

Responsive Invocation:

Leader: Let us pray: In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

People: We come to be your people, O God.

Leader: Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and

People: We come to be your people, O God.

All: May we truly become your people today. 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: Sine Nomine—*Ralph Vaughen Williams*

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: Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon: Blessed

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

All Saints Day Candle Lighting

Hymn #366: God of Our Life (v. 1-2)

We remember those Members and Friends of the Church of the Holy Cross who have gone from our care to God's:

Evelyn Riyoko Kagawa

Liza Ichiko Mukai Hisanaga

George Seigo Yuda

Amy K. Hashimoto

Patricia O'Toole

Kenneth Susumu Tanouye

Dorothy Toyoko Miyamoto

Dale Sakumoto

Stanley Goichi Higashi

Patricia Lee

Sean Knell

As each name is read, our church bell will be tolled and a candle lit in remembrance of each person's life, and in thanks for their new life in Christ. After these names are read the congregation is invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

When all have lit candles we will sing together:

Hymn #366: God of Our Life (v. 3)

Invitation to the Offering:

In Christ we have obtained the inheritance of everlasting life. As an act of praise and thanksgiving, let us share our gifts with and through the Body of Christ. 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:

Living God, we are your people, we carry your presence. Use us and our gifts to accomplish your mission in the world. Multiply our efforts to meet every need, and let your grace meet every need which we cannot. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn #439: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #439: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Cindy Debus

Dates to Remember

Today, October 29 – All Saints Day – Homecoming potluck

Monday, October 30 – The Gathering Place – Handwork and fellowship

Sunday, November 5 – Communion

Sunday, November 5 – Trustees 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: Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Richard Miyake

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Cindy Debus

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Tricia Kimura

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.