

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, November 12, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Stefan Tanouye

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** *Andante -- Heffe*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** We come to God today, as always, bearing the light we've been given.

**People:** **We come to God today, as always, praying that our light can be brighter.**

**Leader:** We come to God today, as always, praying that our light can be softer.

**People:** **We come to God today, as always, praying that our light may not be extinguished.**

**Leader:** We come to God today, as always, bearing the light we've been given.

**People:** **May God rejoice in the light we bear, and may God delight in the light of our worship.**

**Hymn #13:** O My Soul, Bless Your Creator (v. 1-4)

**Invocation in unison:**

**Holy God, We hear echoes of your Wisdom in Christ Jesus, the One you sent to dwell in our midst and lead us to abundant life. Keep us alert to the call to follow, ready to respond with justice and joy in your holy moment, which is always Now. 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:** How Can I Keep From Singing—*Craig Cortney* 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.**

**Scriptures:** Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Matthew 25:1-13

**Sermon:** Is There Forgiveness? Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #112:** Keep Awake, Be Always Ready (v. 1-2)

### **Invitation to the Offering**

Today offer both our gifts for today, and our promises for the year to come. Like the wise bridesmaids, we consider the needs and plan for what might happen. Like the wise bridesmaids, we are then able to share our light. Let our offering and our pledges now be received.

**Offertory:** Duet -- *Handel* 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:**

**As oil fuels a lamp, may these gifts fuel this ministry. As a lamp gives light, may these gifts illuminate. As light gives hope, may these gifts inspire. Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #580: O Kou Aloha No (v. 1-4)**

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #243 (Praise!): Seek Ye First (v. 1)**

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candle**

**Postlude: Recessional -- *Asper***

Kayleen Yuda

**Special Announcements**

Our general membership meeting is scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup>, after worship service. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Our next Senior Ministry session is scheduled for Thursday, November 16th 10am to 12 noon in the Building of Faith. We will have our annual thanksgiving luncheon and will be making flower arrangements to deliver to our homebound friends and families. If you have any bud vases that you are willing to donate, we will be happy to accept them.

Please save and donate your KTA register receipt points from October 25th through November 21st for our Sr. Ministry program. You may turn in your tapes to Eileen Shiraishi, Moira Tanaka or you may drop them off with Momi in the office. Thank you for assisting our Sr. Ministry.

**Dates to Remember**

Today, November 12 – Council Meeting

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Monday, November 13 – The Gathering Place will be viewing the movie “One Hundred Foot Journey”. Open to everyone.

Thursday, November 16 – Sr. Ministry’s annual Thanksgiving luncheon, 10 a.m., Building of Faith. Open to everyone.

Sunday, November 26 – General Membership Meeting

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson  
**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi  
**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane  
**Ushers:** Anne Sadayasu, Eric Tanouye, Ethel Yoshimasu & Jenny Kondo  
**Lay Reader:** Stefan Tanouye  
**Flowers:** Jean Tanouye, Stefan Tanouye, Kelly Santo Families  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita  
**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda  
**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy  
**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita  
**Childcare:** Gloria Kobayashi  
**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
- **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.