

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost, November 19, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Gloria Kobayashi

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Sing to the Lord of Harvest -- *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship:

Leader: As dry land thirsts for water. As budding plants reach for the sun. As dying leaves fall to the earth.

All: Our longing souls call us to worship.

Hymn #422: Come, O Thankful People Come (v. 1-3)

Responsive Invocation:

Leader: Today and every day,

People: May we build each other up in love.

Leader: Today and every day,

People: May our faith protect us from utter despair.

Leader: Today and every day,

People: May our love for you and each other strengthen us.

Leader: Today and every day,

All: May our hope in the risen Christ give us the courage to move forward toward Christ's coming reign. 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: You Raise Me Up – *Josh Groban—arr. by Pedro Kaawaloa*

Performed by Pedro Kaawaloa & Rachel Edwards

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 25:14-30

Sermon: Hide it Under a Bushel, No!

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #565: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (v. 1-2, 4)

Invitation to the Offering

In the end, it is not about how much we have collected in earthly treasures. In the end, it is what we did with those treasures, how we used them to support and encourage others to build the city of God. Our offering is a practical and symbolic reminder that we are in the business of building the reign of God together. Let this morning's offering now be received.

Offertory: God's Love Surrounds Us – *Simone*

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:

Thank you for this community and for the responsibility of being your people. As a community, help us to support and encourage each other so that we can share all of our gifts for and to your glory. Bless these gifts, and the gifts of our time and efforts, that we might be a blessing to others by every means we may. Amen.

Hymn #532: Come, Labor On (v. 1-2, 4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #524: This Little Light (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God – *Cruger*

Kayleen Yuda

Special Announcements

Today, November 19 – Family Promise: Please join us after worship for refreshments and Lori Yamashiro's presentation about how Nuuanu Congregational Church operates their Family Promise Program. As Office Coordinator for the Hawaii Conference UCC, Lori wants to share her experiences with us. Please welcome her to Church of the Holy Cross.

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.

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

Dates to Remember

Today, November 19 – Family Promise with Lori Yamashiro

Sunday, November 26 – General Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 4 – Last day to order chapel decorations. \$10.95 per pot including gold pot cover. Please make checks payable to Cynthia Debus; plants may be taken home after the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Anne Sadayasu, Eric Tanouye, Ethel Yoshimasu & Jenny Kondo

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Esther Kodani

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Lei Jack Robinson

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.