

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Reign of Christ Sunday, November 26, 2017

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

John Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Sweet Songs – *Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Make a joyful noise all the earth. Come worship God with gladness.

People: Come celebrate God's presence with a song.

Leader: Rejoice, God is our creator.

People: We are God's people, the sheep of the Good Shepherd.

Leader: Come worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

Hymn #323: Little Children, Welcome (v. 1-4)

Invocation in unison

God, you have called us from busyness of our lives to gather with you and each other. In your presence may the hungry be fed by your spirit, may the tired find rest in your sanctuary, may the lost find direction in your teachings, may the injured find healing in your love, and may the boastful find humility in your gospel. Amen.

Gloria Patri

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

IYAA

Time with Children

Baptism of Raynor Seiichi Albano and Kobe Takeo Albano

Pastor: They were bringing children to Jesus that Jesus might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, Jesus was indignant, and said to them:

People: "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them, for to such belongs the realm of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the realm of God like a child shall not enter it."

Pastor: And Jesus took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

Address

Questions of the Parents

Congregational Assent

Pastor: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nation and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament, promise your love, support, and care to the ones about to be baptized, as they live and grow in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

Affirmation of Faith

Pastor: Do you believe in God?

People: I believe in God.

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

People: I believe in Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Baptismal Prayer

Baptisms

Prayer for the Baptized

Please rise if you are able and join hands in a circle for the
***Lord's Prayer** [using 'debts' and 'debtors'] in unison

Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: Compassion is the Standard

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #583: Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (v. 1-2, 4)

Invitation to the Offering:

God's call, throughout the centuries, has been to care and compassion. We are summoned to care for the keiki and the kupuna, for the weak and the strong, for the neighbor and the stranger. Give today in compassion. Give today so that love may grow. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Autumn Meditation – *Lasky*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology

Prayer of Dedication in Unison

God, your realm is justice and peace and love. May these gifts help to bring about your coming glory. Amen.

Hymn #387: O Christ, the Great Foundation (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #387: O Christ, the Great Foundation (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Procession – *Long*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, November 26 – General Membership Meeting

Sunday, December 4 – Last day to order poinsettia 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: John Narruhn

Flowers: Connie Yoshiyama

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Childcare: Lolita Tanouye

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, 3:00 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.