

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday after the Epiphany, January 14, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Woody Kita

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude**

Kanako Okita

**Call to Worship:**

**Leader:** Young and old, slow and fast; tall and small, teachers and learners:

**People:** **God has called each of us here.**

**Leader:** Wrinkled, white-haired, stooped by age; bright-eyed, smooth-skinned,  
leapers of two steps at a time:

**People:** **Each made in the image of God.**

**Leader:** Parents volunteering at school, children playing tag; workers stocking  
shelves, retirees planning a trip:

**People:** **God works through each of us.**

**Leader:** We come to worship God.

**Hymn #494:** We Who Would Valiant Be (v. 1-3)

**Invocation**

**It doesn't matter how far we go to run from you, God-who-calls-us: you reach out and touch us with healing in your hands, and turn us around so we can follow you. God in community, Holy in One, continue to call us by name, and turn us toward your healing grace. 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:** Thanks Be to God – *O'Reilly & Dickson*

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:** Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
**John 1:43-51**

**Sermon:** The Discomfort of Faith

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**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**

It can be hard to hear the voice of God, as loving as it is, amidst the noise of the world. Let us hear it today in the voices of the needy, whose hunger for food, for shelter, for companionship, and for grace are hungers we might meet. In their hunger we are summoned. In their hungers' satisfaction we are blessed. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory**

Kanakano Okita

**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**

You give us blessings beyond abundance, O God, and then make one simple request: that we use them to answer the calls of those who are hungry, those who are lonely, those who are struggling, and those who long to know that you are with them. May these gifts answer your request and their needs. Amen.

**Hymn #534: O God of Strength (v. 1-3)****Benediction**

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**Choral Benediction Response #534: O God of Strength (v. 4)****Extinguishing of the Altar Candles****Postlude**

Kanakano Okita

**Dates to Remember**

Today, January 14 – Council Meeting

Today, January 14 – Annual reports due from each Board

Monday, January 15 – The Gathering Place

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane**Ushers:** Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi, Millie Daikawa**Lay Reader:** Woody Kita**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama & Family**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Childcare:** Molina Pitioi  
**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
- **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
- **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.