

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor, January 28, 2018

Guest Speaker Reverend Linda Petrucelli

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Millie Daikawa

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Prelude: Children of the Heavenly Father – *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

All those who are able, please rise. [Unison reading in **bold text**]

Call to Worship:

One: We gather to respond to the call of God's love

All: Thankful that someone cared enough to share this good news with us.

One: May we be compassionate enough to share this divine presence with others.

All: Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.

One: Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.

All: May our gathering beckon and welcome those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Hymn #488: Be Still My Soul (v 1-3)

Invocation:

From deep within us we know of a loving presence. All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light. We have no words for what we experience so we cry out, "God!". In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper, may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense. May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay more attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places. God, of love and

life, in this moment of prayer be more and more in us that we might live more and more in you. 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

IYAA

Time with Children

Board of Christian Education

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.**

Sermon: "Amazed"

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Hymn #553: There is a Balm in Gilead (v 1 -3)

Invitation to the Offering

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received. We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this place to find new life. The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings of the new life we live in Christ. Bring your gifts with joy for they remind us of just how blessed we are to know this love that flows so generously from the spirit of God. The offering will now be received.

Offertory: At the Worship Hour – *Ritter*

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:

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace, be a blessing to friends and strangers, those like us and those not, those deserving and those not, for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

Hymn #476 My Life Flows on in Endless Song (How Can I Keep From Singing) (v 1 – 3)

Benediction

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Choral Benediction Response #476 My Life Flows on in Endless Song (v 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: I Sing the Mighty Power of God – *Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, January 28 – J's Mini Mart

Sunday, February 4 – Communion

Sunday, February 4 – Trustees Meeting

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: Millie Daikawa

Flowers: Ethel Yoshimasu & Teddi Mukai

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Joyce Nakamoto

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 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.