

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 4, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Savior Like A Shepard Lead Us -- *Bradbury*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

People: What is it that is told from the beginning, and understood since Earth was formed?

Leader: The Holy One sits above the circle of Earth watching over us.

People: Not one of us is without a name. Not one of us remains uncounted.

Leader: The Holy One is unsearchable to us. The divine ways are hidden.

People: But even in our misunderstanding, we are lifted up. Even in our faint-heartedness, we are strengthened. Therefore, let us praise the everlasting God.

Hymn #592: God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command (v. 1-3)

Invocation

O God, Open our senses to the fragrance of Christ. Open our minds to the teachings of Jesus. Open our hearts to the love of God. Open our actions to the movement of the Spirit. Open us, Divine Healer, to the work of reconciliation and the promise of wholeness to which you have called us. 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: Let Us Break Bread Together-*Traditional*

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.**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

Sermon: The Muddle of Discipleship

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #179: We Yearn, O Christ, for Wholeness (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

In our greatest successes, we thank God, for God has lifted us. In our deepest grief, we thank God, for God weeps with us. At our heights and in our depths, God remains with us. Let us bring our gifts to God as symbols of our thanks, and let them become the way that God accompanies others to their heights and depths. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Short Piece -- *Franck*

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

We sing with thanksgiving and we give with praise, Holy One, for you have gathered the outcast, healed the broken-hearted, and bound all our wounds. Accept these gifts, a sign and symbol of the love and praise we offer. Amen.

Hymn #332: As We Gather at Your Table (v. 1-3)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

**Consecrating the Bread and Cup
Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #459: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #459: Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: How Great Thou Art – *Hine (arr. Bock)*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 4 – Communion

Today, February 4 – Trustees Meeting

Monday, February 5 – The Gathering Place

Sunday, February 11 – Council Meeting

Sunday, February 11 – Refreshments by IYAA

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: Carol Morioka

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Jean 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
- **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.