

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday after Epiphany
Baptism of Christ, January 7, 2018

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: Carol Medley – *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship:

Leader: In the beginning,

People: God gathered us in.

Leader: In the beginning,

People: God prepared our hearts and minds to worship.

Leader: In the beginning,

People: God called us God's beloved.

Leader: In the beginning,

People: The beginning is also now. Let us worship God.

Hymn #146: Nu Oli (Glad Tidings) (v. 1 Hawaiian, v. 1 English, v. 2 Hawaiian)

Invocation:

The cool water streamed down the face of Christ. The heavens parted, and you, O God, announced your love. Gather us into that love this day as your beloved children, touched by cooling waters, blessed with your descending peace. 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: We Three Kings – *John Henry Hopkins*

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: Mark 1:4-11

Sermon: Where the Wild Things Are

Rev. Dr. Chris Davies

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #351: I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering

Giving is not as simple as waiting for one's turn: my turn, your turn, God's turn, somebody else's turn. Giving is the offer of the heart into another's need, another's pain, or another's emptiness, and it is also the offer of the heart to One so great that there is no need to meet, only love to share. Offer your heart in this moment. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: What Star is This – *Graham*

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:

God, you give us all we have. You give us grace. You give us care. Today, we pray that you do not just give, but that you also receive. Take our lives and shape them to be lives of grace. Take our lives and shape them to be your voice of love. Take our lives and shape them to be the lives that warm your loving heart. Amen.

Hymn #337: Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (v. 1-2)

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: The Summons (CCLI #4668756) (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response: The Summons (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: March of the Kings

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, January 7 – Communion

Monday, January 8 – The Gathering Place will be gardening and playing ukulele.
You are invited.

Sunday, January 14 – Council Meeting

Sunday, January 14 – Annual reports due from each Board

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Christian & Theone Albano, Wayne & Clarice Suzuki and Amy Shiroma

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

Childcare: Lois 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 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.