

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Prelude in G Major -- *Purcell*

Kaylene Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: When life is wonderful,

People: You are there, O God.

Leader: When life is unpredictable,

People: You are there, O God.

Leader: When our hearts are full of joy,

People: You are there, O God.

Leader: When our hearts are heavy from the cares of the world,

People: You are there, O God.

Leader: You are here with us, O God,

People: In our time of worship.

Hymn #167: Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

Holy One, as we begin our Lenten journey, please remind us of why we are on this path. Help us to be like Noah, trusting you even when we cannot see, knowing you to be faithful, and following you where you lead. 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: De Profundis – *written and performed by* Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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: Genesis 9:8-17
Mark 1:9-15

Sermon: Never Again Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #495: Called as Partners in Christ's Service (v. 1-2, 4)

Invitation to the Offering

We are called as partners in Christ's service: though we may have different tasks, and different roles, we are called as partners and not as subordinates or supervisors of one another. So now, as partners, let us join our monetary gifts together, each contributing as they can, in witness to God's loving mercy and in order that God's mercy might come alive in us. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Duet -- *Handel*

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 thank you, God, for the abundant blessings you have entrusted to us. Enable us to be good stewards of all you have given. Grant us hearts of generosity to give back – to say thank you, to further your work, and to proclaim your reign until it fully comes. Amen.

Hymn #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 1-2, 4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #391: In the Midst of New Dimensions (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Postlude in D -- *Rinck*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Monday, February 19 – President’s Day, office closed

Sunday, February 25 – Deacons Meeting

Sunday, February 25 – Annual General Membership Meeting

Sunday, February 25 – J’s Mini Mart

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: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Hats Kamimura

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

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.