

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday in Lent

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Piano Introit:** Menuet fair par Mons -- *attrib. to Georg Bohm*

Mace Peng

**Words of Greeting**

Newton Chu

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Prelude and Fugue -- *Handel*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, friends, and hear once again what God has done for us.

**People: God has been faithful through our days.**

Leader: We come at different ages and stages, different generations,

**People: And we serve and worship together.**

Leader: God remembers all of us, from the baby entering the world to the people living in their twilight years.

**People: God keeps God's promises, no matter how young, no matter how old we may be.**

Leader: Come and open your hearts to the God who will love and care for you through your entire life.

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

**Hymn #24:** Yigdal Elohim Chai (The God of Abraham Praise) (v. 1 Hebrew, v. 2-3 English)

### **Invocation**

**God, as we worship you today, open our hearts to those around us. May we see your faithfulness in each age and stage of our neighbors. In this season of Lent, may we remember the promises you made to all generations: past, present, and future. 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**

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 17:1-7, 15-16  
Mark 8:31-38**

**Sermon: When Safety Brings No Safety**      Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #461: Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless (v. 1-2)**

### **Invitation to the Offering**

We pass to each new generation some of what we have been taught, and some of what we have discovered, and some of what we have created. They, in turn, will learn, and discover, and create. Let us bring our gifts now so that they may gather in community to worship, to learn, and to serve. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Trio en Chaconne -- *Raison*

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 are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end, and all that comes between. We give thanks for all who came before us and gave their gifts, which taught us faith and gave us a place to worship this day. Bless these gifts we offer you, so that succeeding generations may stand upon what we have built, and serve those who follow. Amen.**

**Hymn #496:** Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1-2)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #497:** Guide My Feet (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** March in D -- *Guilmant*

Kayleen Yuda

### **Dates to Remember**

Today, February 25 – Deacons Meeting

Today, February 25 – Annual General Membership Meeting

Today, February 25 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, February 26 – The Gathering Place

### **Special Announcement**

The Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa in Hilo, Hawaii (CCAS) extend their invitation to all friends and families of Church of the Holy Cross to fellowship and

worship on Sunday, March 4, 2018 as they celebrate World Prayer Day at 12 noon. They will showcase and present the women and culture of Suriname as delegated by World Prayer Day committee. Please join CCCAS to celebrate and lift our sisters, mothers and daughters in Suriname in prayer.

**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:** Newton Chu

**Flowers:** Theone Albano & Jill Suzuki

**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.