

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday in Lent, March 4, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Piano Introit: Menuet from the Notebook for Anna Magdalena Bach

Mace Peng

Words of Greeting

Jayson Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: In the Peaceful Garden – *Batiste-Troutman*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: God's commandments are clear.

People: They make clear our vision and straight our paths.

Leader: Human wisdom and understanding are thwarted,

People: But they are also fulfilled in God's reconciling love.

Leader: All that we are, have been, and will become

People: Is through the providential work of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship the One who provides, sustains, and nurtures us.

People: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #223: What Wondrous Love Is This (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

Holy God, your light is brighter than the noonday sun, and brightens our paths in the shadows of the world. Grant us a singleness of purpose to put aside the things of this world, and focus solely on you, that in doing so we may come to a fuller understanding of who we are and whose we are. Embrace us in your grace that we may unify our minds, hearts, and souls, in recognition that you, O God, have made all things. 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: *Awake, Awake to Love and Work – Eric Thiman*

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.**

Scriptures: Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Sermon: Can I Be a Little Foolish?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #193: In the Cross of Christ I Glory (v. 1, 4-5)

Invitation to the Offering

God's blessings are more abundant than Hilo rain, warmer than Kona sunshine. Our hope is firmly in the One who provides for our every need. Let us give joyfully from what we first received from God.

Offertory: Father, We Praise Thee – *Price*

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 offer our gifts, generous God, to be used to share your love with one another, the community around us, and the world. Amen.

Hymn #336: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face (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 #44: Beautiful Jesus (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #44: Beautiful Jesus (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allegro Maestoso – *Mendelssohn*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 4 – Trustees Meeting

Monday, March 5 – The Gathering Place: Ukulele & singing in the Meeting Room

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: IYAA, Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn & Stuart Mori

Lay Reader: Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Irene Okada

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.