

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 11, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Bob Smith

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Wondrous Love -- *Higgins*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We come from Hamakua, from Puna, from Kona, and from Hilo to proclaim:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We come as keiki, full of exuberance and uncertainty, to proclaim:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We come as kupuna, bearing wisdom and exhaustion, to proclaim:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We come to worship God and to proclaim:

People: God's steadfast love endures forever.

Hymn #2 (Praise!): Shine, Jesus, Shine (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

O God, we come from islands in the Pacific to be in this place: from Japan, from Chuuk, from O'ahu, and from our beloved Hawai'i. O God, we come from American states around the mainland to be in this place: from California, from Connecticut, from North Carolina, from Alaska, and states lying in between. O God, we come from

wealth and poverty, we come from success and failure, we come from Christian homes and Buddhist homes, we come from homes where faith was new. From these places and more, we come here to worship you, who created all these places in love. 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: He's Got the Whole World in His Hands – *Roy Ringwald*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani
Congregation please join in

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: John 3:14-21

Sermon: God So Loved the World

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #222: My Song is Love Unknown (v. 1-2, 5)

Invitation to the Offering

As we share our gifts today, to support the work of this congregation and our work through One Great Hour of Sharing, we celebrate God's love and abundance in the world. In our generosity, we recognize that we are all part of God's family. In our giving, we dare to imagine that God will use our gifts in the world to do great things; more than we can imagine! Let us give generously! Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Introit (From the German Mass) – *Schubert-Lorenz* 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:

Holy and generous God, we pray that you would grow these gifts to bless the world. We imagine a world with enough food, water; resources, education, justice, laughter, and freedom for all of your people. Do with our gifts even more than we can imagine, Holy One, and make of us a loving and generous people. Amen.

Hymn #547: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #547: Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Song of Joy -- *Hughes* Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 11 – Council Meeting

Today, March 11 – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Monday, March 12 – The Gathering Place--Movie: Mrs. Doubtfire

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

Lay Reader: Bob Smith
Flowers: Carolyn Lum-Bellem
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.