

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

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Jane Kawazoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared – *Mansfield-Sohren*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: God has called us to this place

People: To worship and rejoice.

Leader: God has called us to this place

People: To learn and know.

Leader: God has called us to this place

People: To be formed and grow.

Leader: Let us worship God!

People: With all our hearts, minds, and souls we come to worship God.

Hymn #198: Lift High the Cross (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

Awesome God, out of nothing you created the universe; out of dust you made us, your people. We shake our heads in wonder that you molded each of us in your image, that you call us by name and claim us. With the law and love on our hearts, guide us as we live as your people. 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: Fanfare for Palm Sunday-- *Katherine K Davis* 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34
John 12:20-33

Sermon: Is It Well with Your Soul? Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #438: When Peace, Like a River (v. 1-2, 4)

Invitation to the Offering

It is not just God's law that is written on our hearts: when we look there, we find God's love. Let us share that love with our closest and dearest, with the people we work with and the people we meet, and in this offering, with those we may never meet, but will still know God's love in their hearts because we give. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Sweet Meditation -- *Sewell*

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

You have written your promises on our hearts, faithful God. As we learn your words of love for us, may we continue to give our whole selves to serving you. Bless what we offer today – gifts of our lives and our labor. We pray this through the one who gave his very self for us, Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Hymn #222: My Song Is Love Unknown (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #222: My Song is Love Unknown (v. 5)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Postludium--*Moore*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 18 – Refreshments by IYAA, please join us
 Monday, March 19 – The Gathering Place—Games and Handwork
 Thursday, March 22 – Senior Ministry: “Options for Living for Seniors”
 Saturday, March 24 – Trustees Service Day

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

Lay Reader: Jane Kawazoe

Flowers: Goya Family

Refreshments: IYAA

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.