

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Anne Sadayasu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Low in the Grace He Lay (tune: Christ Arose) – *Lowry-Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: We gather in the name of the One who gives us life.

People: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

Leader: We pray in the name of the One whose life show us how to live.

People: Christ is alive! Alleluia!

Leader: We serve in the name of the One who died and rose again.

People: God’s steadfast love endures forever. Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

Hymn #233: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (v. 1-4)

Invocation

Please follow the directions in italics to open hands, place hands on hearts, etc., during the prayer.

God of abundant hope and promise, you envision a world for us filled with beauty.

Scented blossoms, rainbows of delights, flavors to savor. God, we open our hands,

placing them before you and asking for what we need to appreciate the beauty of the

world. God, *we place our hands upon our hearts*, asking for what we need to appreciate the beauty within ourselves. God, *we hold the hands of those to either side of us*, asking for what we need to appreciate the beauty in one another. Open our eyes, God of illumination. Open our hearts, God of radical hope. Open our hands, God of aloha, for in love you opened the tomb of Jesus, and so we are renewed. 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: Easter Day with Joy was Bright (*arr. David Johnson*)

Na Leo Ni`o Lani
Joshua Timmons, trumpet

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: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: "Their Story Became Our Story"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Anthem: Alleluia! Alleluia!--*Nylea L. Butler-Moore*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #245: The Day of Resurrection (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

We are witnesses to the power of the Holy Spirit and the glory of God, and now we turn in thanksgiving to share the good news of forgiveness and grace to all the world. Let these our gifts be a living testimony to those who most need the healing grace of Christ this morning, cornerstones of faith and joy for the entire world.

Offertory: Easter Joy – *Blake*

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

O God, you have become our light and our salvation – let these gifts open the gates of joy to all who hunger and thirst for your holy presence on this and every day. May they bear the gifts of Alleluia which we hold so dear, and give away with great joy. We pray in the name of our Risen Savior, Jesus the Christ! Amen.

Hymn #347: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (v. 1-3)

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 #242: The Strife is O'er (v. 1-4)

Benediction**Choral Benediction Response (*Praise*) #20:** Because He Lives**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles****Postlude:** Fanfare and Statement on “Llanfair” – *Williams-Broughton*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, April 1 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, April 1 – Communion

Monday, April 2 – The Gathering Place

Sunday, April 8 – Council Meeting

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane**Ushers:** Moira Tanaka, Newton & Roberta Chu**Lay Reader:** Anne Sadayasu**Flowers:** Laura Ota**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita**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.