

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday of Easter, April 15, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Janet Fujioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Canzona—*Mozart-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We still tell the good news!

Hamakua Side sings: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Leader: The tomb was empty, and Jesus appeared to them.

Puna Side sings: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Leader: Jesus gives peace to the people.

Hamakua Side sings: Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice.

Leader: Jesus says, “Don’t be afraid.”

Puna Side sings: Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice.

Leader: We are here to hear the good news, so we can tell others!

All sing: Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Again I say rejoice.

Rejoice in our God always, again I say rejoice.

Hymn #230: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain (v. 1-4)

Invocation:

God of joy, repentance, and comfort, we need you today. As we continue to celebrate the good news of the Resurrection, we remember times when it was hard news to believe. As we come and worship you this day, may we leave our doubts and fears with you, and enter into a time of joy. May we see your love come to life in all we do today. 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: Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone

Rachel Edwards and
Eric S. Anderson

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 4

Luke 24:36b-48

Sermon: Understanding and Testimony

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Hymn #251: I Greet You, Sure Redeemer (v. 1, 5)

Invitation to the Offering

When we worship, we offer our whole selves to God. We offer our hopes, our dreams, our wants, and our needs. When we offer ourselves to God, we also offer the first fruits of our labor. Let us bring our gifts with joy as part of our worship of the risen Christ. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Duet – *Handel*

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:

Receive our gifts, almighty God. We offer them as we offer ourselves, fully. We pray that they would enable this community of faith to serve all of your people. May it make us better friends, may it make us better able to open up seats at the table, and to offer sustenance to those who need it. Amen.

Hymn #241: Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #236: Halleluja!

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Postlude in D-flat – *Flotow-Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Monday, April 16 – The Gathering Place—Games, handwork, socialization

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Newton & Roberta Chu

Lay Reader: Janet Fujioka

Flowers: Michi Koizumi

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
- **Rhythm & Life:** 3:00pm – Building of Faith
- **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.