

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Guest Pastor, Rev. Linda Petrucelli

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting and Welcome

Mary Ann Katayama

Prelude: In Old Vienna—*William Gillock*

Kanako Okita

Call to Worship

Leader: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

People: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

Leader: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

People: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

Leader: The living Christ is with us.

People: Praise God!

Hymn # 459 Come, O Fount of Every Blessing (v. 1 - 3)

Invocation:

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you have sent your Son as the Savior of the world and your Spirit to graft us into the vine of life. You created the universe and everything in it, and revealed your perfect love in your commitment to your people and your care for the poor and afflicted. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you thanks and praise at all times through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever and ever. 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

IYAA

Time with Children

Board of Christian Education

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 John 4: 7-16
John 15:1-8

Sermon: "The Right Connection"

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Hymn # 99 Abide with Me (v 1 - 5

Invitation to the Offering

The God of heaven and earth, of all of creation, holds each one of us in tender love and care. God is gracious and good, and no one is insignificant in God's eyes. So we respond to everything God is doing in the life of the world by offering a portion of what we have generously received from a loving God. In the ministry of the United Church of Christ and

Church of the Holy Cross, we reach out to all of God's children in tender love and care. Let us gather our gifts together and offer them to God in gratitude and praise. The offering will now be received

Offertory: Choral Prelude --- *William Gillock*

Kanako Okita

Doxology: in Chuukese

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin
 pun i echok a manaman sipwe
 Mwareiti feilfoilo Kot Sam
 Kot Nau Kot Ngunmifel
 Amen

Prayer of Dedication:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to give, which we do with joyful, grateful hearts. We look at the needs of the world, and our offerings are small. May they be like yeast, gifts that grow in your kingdom, bringing a rich harvest. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Hymn # 395 In Christ There Is No East or West (v 1-4)

Benediction

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Choral Benediction Response #236: Halleluja!

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Spring – *Joe Hisaishi*

Kanako Okita

Dates to Remember

Today, April 29 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship

Sunday, May 6 -- Communion

Sunday, May 6 – Deacons meeting after worship

Special Announcement

Pastor Eric will be away from Monday, April 23rd and will return on Monday, May 7th. Rev. Linda Petrucelli will preach on April 29 and May 6; please call Rev. Rae Lelil'io at 808-785-6978 if there are any pastoral emergencies.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi
Minister Emeritus: Rev. Susumu Yamane
Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Newton & Roberta Chu
Lay Reader: Mary Ann Katayama
Flowers: Malia Mattos
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

- **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.