

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Mother’s Day, May 13, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

**Pastoral Welcome**

**Prelude:** Capriccietto – *William Gillock*

Millie Daikawa

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Kanako Okita

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Happy are those whose delight is in the law of God.

**People: With a welcome heart, we shine.**

Leader: On God’s law they meditate day and night.

**People: With a joyful heart, we sing.**

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water.

**People: With a happy heart, we laugh.**

Leader: They yield fruit in its season.

**People: With a loving heart, we grow.**

Leader: God watches over the righteous.

**People: With a dancing heart, we delight.**

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

**Invocation**

**God, our source of light and life, you lead the way to courage, to kindness, to generosity, and to love. You call us to be your people and to live in community with one another,**

always moving to our place of wholeness. God, your love makes us whole. Help us to receive your love with open hearts, so that we may become attuned to your will and way. We ask that you strengthen us as your people, gathered to praise and to serve you. 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:** A Mother's Love – *Amy Jill Jordan & Steven Mackinnon* 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.**

**Scripture:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**Sermon:** "Choices, Choices"

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

### WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

### Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

**Hymn #451:** Be Now My Vision (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering**

In each day, we have the opportunity to seek God's guidance. In each moment, we can search for God's direction. In this time and place, let us seize the chance to give: give for those homeless, give for those hopeless, give for those hungry in spirit. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Tarantella – *William Gillock*

Kanako Okita

**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 of choices and decisions, accept these choices we have made: the choice to give, the choice to help, the choice to support our neighbors. Bless these gifts and these decisions, and by your grace, make the world a brighter place. Amen.**

**Hymn #436:** God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1, 4-5)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #236:** Halleluja

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Rhapsody Op. 79 No. 1 in A minor – *Johannes Brahms* Kanako Okita

**Dates to Remember**

Today, May 13 – Mother's Day  
 Monday, May 14 – Gathering Place: Movie – Sister Act 2  
 Tuesday, May 15 – Beginning of Ramadan  
 Saturday, May 19 – Trustees Service Day

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Ushers:** Woody Kita, Erin Okuda, Mary Ann Katayama & Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Lay Reader:** Millie Daikawa

**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
- **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.