

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Pentecost Sunday, May 20, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: I Sing the Mighty Power of God (*English Tune: Forest Green*)--Smith

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Something was happening! The whole church was in one place all together.
There was a rush of wind.

People: There was fire coming down from the sky!

Leader: Each voice spoke another language.

People: We all understood each other!

Leader: What was happening?

People: The church was born!

Leader: The Holy Spirit was given.

People: The church came alive in love!

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #267: Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

God of rushing wind and chaos, we celebrate the gift of your Holy Spirit today. We welcome the birth of your church. From a small household to today's global village, we

celebrate your church. May we be mindful today of the ways your winds of change blow through us all. May we be inspired by your Spirit to hear you and to follow 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: Go Into the World -- *Natalie Sleeth*

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: Romans 8:22-27
Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: Come, Holy Spirit, to Aid Us!

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #261: Let Every Christian Pray (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering

On that first Pentecost, they gave all they could: their voices, raised in joy, as witnesses. On this birthday of the Church, let us give all we can: our voices, raised in song; our faith, declared in witness; and our resources, shared in hope of a more blessed world. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: At the Worship Hour – *Ritter*

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:

It is through your love that the Church came to life, almighty God, and it is through your love that we are called to give. Take these gifts, signs of our devotion to you, and bless them for your service. May the Pentecost spirit inspire us as we use them in your Church together. May we sense the Spirit calling us to something new and wonderful. Amen.

Closing Hymn #59: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #77: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing (v. 2)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Jubilation—*Denton*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, May 20 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, May 20 – Strengthen the Church Offering

Today, May 20 – Refreshments by The Gathering Place & Blue Zones Project

Monday, May 21 – Gathering Place: Games, handwork, socialization

Thursday, May 24 – Sr. Ministry-Topic: Rat Lung Worm & Volcanic Hazards

Sunday, May 27 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Sunday, May 27 – J's Mini Mart

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: Carolyn Lum-Bellem
Flowers: Ann Kanahele
Refreshments: The Gathering Place & Blue Zones Project
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.