

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 6, 2018
Communion Sunday

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Gloria Kobayashi

Welcome

Stuart Mori

Prelude: A Woodland Legend – William Gillock

Kanako Okita

Call to Worship

Leader: Within each of our lives there is a longing for community and the Presence of God.

People: Sometimes we worry that we will walk alone, unnoticed and afraid.

Leader: This day Christ tells us that we will never be alone. An Advocate will share our journey.

People: And this journey calls for us to continue to keep to the teachings of our Lord.

Leader: May the ever present love of God be with you.

People: And may the joy of Christ surround you.

Leader: May we know the presence of the Advocate as we gather in this community of peace, continuing to share the cost of discipleship with deeds of bold mercy and courageous justice.

ALL: As an Easter People following a Risen Lord, may the life of Jesus live on in us and through us. Amen.

Hymn: #495 Called as Partners (v 1-4)

Invocation:

Still-speaking God, we have come here today for many reasons, each with our own story. May these reasons and stories be immersed in your Sacred Story, finding ourselves caught up in the drama and beauty of Jesus' teachings, life, and ministry. Through your Holy Spirit enable us to move boldly into the future and to fulfill the hope of love that Jesus taught, even as we pray the prayer he taught us saying,

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:** Down to the River to Pray - *Traditional*

Na Leo Ni'o Lani

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: Psalm 98

First John 5:1-6

John 15:9-17

Sermon: Making Friends with God

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Hymn: Words # 388, Music # 386 (v 1 – 4)

Invitation to the Offering:

Today we call upon you as Children of God to share in the love and work of Jesus. We, as the gathered Church, the Body of Christ, continue in our day to witness and work on behalf of our Lord, returning our gifts, tithes and offerings. The offering will now be received

Offertory: Old Plantation – *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:

May these gifts, O God, become action and intention, fulfilling Christ's commandment to love. Amen.

Hymn: #257: Alleluia Gracious Jesus (v 1-4)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

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 return to your pew and remain standing.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Benediction

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Choral Benediction Response #236: Halleluja!

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Pavane – *Maurice Ravel*

Kanako Okita

Dates to Remember

Today, May 6 – Communion

Today, May 6 – Deacons meeting after worship

Monday, May 7 – Gathering Place: Ukulele and singing

Special Announcement

Pastor Eric returns to his office on Tuesday, May 8th -- 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: Woody Kita, Erin Okuda, Mary Ann Katayama & Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Lay Reader: Stuart Mori

Flowers: Anita Mathews

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.