

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, June 17, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Woody Kita

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Courante (Suite 15) -- *Handel*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, travelers of faith. Let us gather together. Come into this holy pause.

**People: In this place, we lay down our burdens.**

Leader: We take the time to still our minds.

**People: Let us release our tasks and to-do lists.**

Leader: Now is the time to rest in God's love.

**People: We step into the present and enter God's presence to pray, to praise, to sing, to renew.**

Leader: We gladly proclaim we are chosen by God as we open our hearts to God's call and rejoice.

**Hymn #417:** This Is a Day of New Beginnings (v. 1-4)

**Invocation:**

**Loving God, we praise you for your goodness, you who knew us and loved us even before we were born. You delight in us, your chosen ones. No matter our age or our health, our schooling or our status, we matter to you, our life-long guide and friend. Receive our thanks and praise. 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:** Medley: O When the Saints, Swing Low, I'm Gonna Sing,  
and This Train is Bound for Glory 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:** 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13  
Mark 4:26-34

**Sermon:** Let Me Take a Closer Look Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Hymn #469:** O Grant Us Light (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

God's seed grows within us: that seed of love, compassion, and grace. God's seed grows within us, to flower and fruit in love, compassion, and grace. As God's garden, let us give: for love, compassion, and grace. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Air -- *Purcell*

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**

**Generous God, you have given each of us bountiful gifts, so we present our offerings in gratitude and love. May these gifts today enable others to receive, and in turn give thanks. Amen.**

**Hymn #540:** We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #540:** We Plant a Grant of Mustard Seed (v. 4)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Plein Jeu a la Couperin -- *Young*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, June 17 – Refreshments by Women’s Fellowship-please join us  
 Sunday, June 24 – Deacons Meeting after worship  
 Sunday, June 24 – J’s Mini-Mart

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Ushers:** Stefan & Jennifer Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Jean Tanouye

**Lay Reader:** Woody Kita

**Flowers:** Jennie Kondo

**Refreshments:** Women’s Fellowship

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Projected Imagery:** Gloria Kobayashi  
**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
- **Choir Practice:** No choir practice this week
- **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 12:00 pm.