

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, June 24, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Carol Morioka

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Pastorale -- *Eldridge*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship**

Leader: God is a stronghold for the oppressed.

**People: Hold on.**

Leader: God is a stronghold in times of trouble.

**People: Hold on.**

Leader: Let us put our trust in God. Let us bring our trust in God to worship.

**Hymn #284:** Joys are Flowing Like a River (Blessed Quietness) (v. 1-4)

**Responsive Invocation**

Leader: Holy One, in times of uncertainty we can feel powerless. May we choose our actions wisely. May we equip ourselves with knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, and truthful speech. May we be wide open to your possibilities, O God.

**People: Embolden us to open our hearts as we worship together and sing your praises, and as we live together echoing your love widely and deeply. 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**

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:** 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Mark 4:35-41

**Sermon:** Very, Very Special

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #488:** Be Still, My Soul (v. 1-2)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

We live our faith in hundreds, if not thousands, of choices each day: each one a decision about opening or closing our hearts to God, to Christ, to the movement of the Holy Spirit, or to another human being. Here, once more, another choice, another challenge, to open our hearts. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Andante Grazioso – *Rinck*

Kayleen Yuda

**Doxology:**

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin

pun i echok a manaman sipwe

Mwareiti feilfoilo Kot Sam

Kot Nau Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

**Prayer of Dedication:**

In holiness of spirit and kindness of heart, we bring these gifts, O God. As you have shared your love with us, share your love with many others, near and far, through these gifts and through your own unlimited grace and power. Amen.

**Hymn #454:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #454:** Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 4)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Recessional – *Asper*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, June 24 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, June 24 – J's Mini-Mart

Monday, June 25 – The Gathering Place – join us for games, handwork and socialization

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

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

**Lay Reader:** Carol Morioka

**Flowers:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

**Projected Imagery:** Sue Smith

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**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:** Choir practice resumes July 31, 2018
- **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.