

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jane Kawazoe

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Andante Sostenuto – *Eldridge*

Kayleen Yuda

Unison reading in **bold** text

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Every day, we brush up against God. We brush against God in long-term friendships and relationships.

**People: We brush against God in instances of closeness with strangers in a crowd.**

Leader: We brush against God in moments of great joy.

**People: We brush against God in places of deep pain.**

Leader: We brush against God in outrageous laughter.

**People: We brush against God in deep silences of calm.**

Leader: We brush against God on mountaintops,

**People: by rushing rivers,**

Leader: on bustling streets,

**People: in twittering forests,**

Leader: in the work of our hands,

**People: in the beauty of poetry,**

Leader: in the stillness of prayer

People: **in the crashing chords of the organ.**

Leader: And God brushes against us, always inviting us into beauty and grace.

People: **Let us worship God.**

**Hymn #545:** There Was Jesus by the Water (v. 1-3)

### Invocation

**Brush up against us in this holy space, God of grace. Heighten our awareness of your presence in our lives. Enliven our senses to perceive your touch. Open our eyes so we may see the richness and beauty you spread around us. Whisper your promise of hope into our hearts. Take our hands as we reach out to you in worship this day. 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

### Time with Children

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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 130

Mark 5:21-43

**Sermon:** Stretch Out Now

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## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

### **Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #553:** There Is a Balm in Gilead (v. 1-3)

#### **Invitation to the Offering:**

We stretch out to seek God's healing. We also stretch out to be part of God's healing. Our gifts help change the world to be a little bit more as God intends. Stretch out now: and together, let us heal. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Canzonetta – *Stickles*

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:**

**Take our hands, O God, and heal us. Take our hearts, O God, and strengthen us. Take our gifts, O God, and make a better world. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn #337:** Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether (v. 1-3)

## **THE LORD'S SUPPER**

### **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 remain standing and form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**Closing Hymn #551:** Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior (v. 1, 3-4)

## Benediction

**Choral Benediction Response #545:** There Was Jesus by the Water (v. 4)

## Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

**Postlude:** Festival March – *Stickles*

Kayleen Yuda

### Dates to Remember

Today, July 1 – Communion

Today, July 1 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, July 2 – The Gathering Place – ukulele, songs, and fellowship

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Minister Emeritus:** Rev. Susumu Yamane

**Ushers:** James & Connie Yoshiyama, Carolyn Lum-Bellem, Carol Morioka

**Lay Reader:** Jane Kawazoe

**Flowers:** Anita Mathews

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shioshita

**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
- **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.