

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 19, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Barbara Iwami

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Pastorale – *Eldridge*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Come into this household of God
that we might all listen to God's Word
and discern the wisdom that comes only from God.

People: How can we discover such wisdom?

Leader: Reverence for God is the beginning of wisdom.
When we choose to live according to God's will and plan,
God will give to each of us a wise and discerning heart.

People: May God fill us with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs!
We have come to lift up in praise the songs and music
from our hearts.

Leader: Jesus is here in our midst as living bread.
We want to be nourished and strengthened that we may remain with him.
Jesus is so close to us that we can taste his presence.

All: Praise the Lord! Learn of God's compassion and mercy.
Praise the Lord with our hearts! Praise the Lord!

Hymn #561: When in Our Music God Is Glorified (v. 1-4)

Invocation:

Where are the wise of the world, O God? Where are the gracious and the good? Where are the caring and the compassionate, O God? Where are the truthful and trustworthy? Be with us in this time, O God, that in your presence we know the wonders of your divine wisdom and love. Be with us in this time, O God, that we might become wiser, more gracious, and more good: that we might become more like 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: Polonaise in A minor--*C. Ph. E. Bach*

Mace Peng

Time with Children

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 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ephesians 5:15-20

Sermon: This May Need a Song

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #5: Praise to God (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

There is music of the voice, and music of the heart. There is music in strings and pipes and skins. There is music in the waves and in the wind. And there is music in giving, in sharing, and in lifting up. Let us make music. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Coranto – *Gibbons*

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

As we seek to live wisely, we offer these gifts to you, O God. May the work of this money, and the work of we your people, make music in praise of your name. Amen.

Hymn #55: Rejoice, You Pure in Heart (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #55: [Rejoice, You Pure in Heart] (v. 55)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Triumphal March – *Stickles*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, August 19 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Monday, August 20 – The Gathering Place – 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Games, handwork, socialization

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Ushers: Kay Kawachika, Newton Chu, Cindy Debus & Jane Kawazoe

Lay Reader: Barbara Iwami

Flowers: Herbert Watanabe

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda
Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy
Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita
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:** Tuesdays, 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
- **Gi Qong,** Fridays, 9:00 am – Building of Faith

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.