

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: Planet Earth Sunday, September 2, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Spirit of the Living God –*Iverson-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship** (led by the lay reader)

Leader: As the clay of Earth makes way for the smallest thread of the ohī'a root,

**People: So your love makes a way.**

Leader: As the soft black soil embraces the seedling,

**People: So your love holds our emerging hopes.**

Leader: As the rocky cliffs rise to greet the white waters,

**People: So your love stands tall in the onslaught of fears.**

Leader: As the rocks lead the falling waters to babble and laugh,

**People: So your love inspires hearts to beat and to leap.**

**All: Come, let us worship at God's holy invitation, as it is written in the earth around us.**

**Hymn #32:** God of the Sparrow God of the Whale (v. 1-6)

**Invocation:**

**God who divides the land and sea, you have set this time apart. You call us out of our routine so we may be aware of your presence. Let our hearts stir and roil like the**

swirling clouds above the horizon. Let our spirits rise within us and join the song that Earth has inspired in all that lives.

**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:** I Will Dwell in His Secret Place – *Cole & Cummings, Arr. Shirley Lewis Brown*  
Na Leo Ni`o Lani

**Time with Children**

Rev. Eric 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.**

**Scripture:** Genesis 1:1-25

**Sermon:** Oh, My Goodness

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #562:** Take My Gifts (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Truly the Earth is good, from its molten core to its oceans and islands to its life-sustaining atmosphere. Earth gives, and often from it we take more than satisfies, more than fulfills. Let us now give in thanksgiving for the bounty of Earth, and prayerfully resolve to be gentle with the planet that sustains our life. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Meditation – *Franck*

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:**

**We pledge, O God, to discover what we need to be truly fulfilled, and to consume only that. We pledge, O God, to be part of the discovery of how much is enough for everyone – not just to survive but to thrive – and to see that all have access. May this offering of restraint and of justice teach us to live like Jesus, healing our lives and the life of the world. Amen.**

**Hymn #332:** As We Gather at Your Table (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 to receive communion in your seat, please remain seated, and we will come around to you.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Hymn #563:** We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #17:** To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Grand Chorus – *Franck-Biggs*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, September 2 – Communion

Today, September 2 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, September 3 – Labor Day-office closed

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

**Ushers:** Ming Peng, Nalyn Ang, Moira Tanaka, Doreen Lucas, Jean Tanouye

**Lay Reader:** Ruth Niino-DuPonte

**Flowers:** Katada & Tadaki Families

**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

▪ **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

▪ **Qi Gong,** 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.