

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 26, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: Prelude – *J. S. Bach*

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: God is our strength.

People: **God is our hope.**

Leader: God is our way of love.

People: **We come now to this house of worship,**

Leader: This family of prayer,

People: **To boldly declare our common hope: Blessed are those who trust in God.**

Hymn #490: I Want Jesus to Go with Me (v. 1-3)

Invocation

How lovely is your dwelling place, O God – or so we dream. So we imagine. A place where nothing threatens, nothing harms. A place where wild birds as well as those may in your image dwell. Make this brief time, O God, an image of your dwelling place. May we find here that safety and serenity that so eludes us elsewhere in the world. May we worship in your house. 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

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: John 6:56-69

Sermon: Is It Too Easy?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1-2)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus' words are hard. He summons and demands. He asks much and offers – everything. Come. Let us give, and with our giving increase the peace of others. Let us give, and giving, receive all. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Air – Purcell

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: (Chuukese)

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin
pun i echok a manaman sipwe
Mwareiti feilfoilo Kot Sam
Kot Nau Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

Prayer of Dedication:

May these gifts sing your praise, O God. May they build a place of safety for those who seek your peace, your hope, and your love. Amen.

Hymn Praise! #243: Seek Ye First (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #498: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love (refrain, v. 1, refrain)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Double Chorus – *Wilson*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, August 26 – J’s Mini Mart

Monday, August 27 – The Gathering Place – 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Adult coloring books, socialization

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

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

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Carol Morioka

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

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
- **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.