

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation: Humanity Sunday, September 9, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Melodie in G Major – *Guilmant*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: How majestic is the name of God in all the earth!

People: God's glory rises above the heavens, sounding even in the mouths of infants.

Leader: When we look at the heavens, the work of God's fingers, the moon and the stars:

People: How can we help but wonder: What are human beings that God cares for us?

Leader: We may be small in a grand universe, but this we believe: God cares. God loves. God is with us.

People: We may be small in a grand universe, but this we will do: We will worship God.

Hymn #583: Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us (v. 1-4)

Invocation:

God, you have made us little lower than yourself. You crown us with glory and honor. You have given us powers and abilities that influence the world around us: the world you made yourself, the world that you called good. How gracious, and how daring you are, O God! As we worship, shape our hearts that we might be worthy of this trust you place in us. 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: Prayer for Guidance – *Alan Potte*

Na Leo Ni`o Lani

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: Genesis 1:26-28
Mark 10:41-45

Sermon: Dominion

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #454: Lord, I Want to Be a Christian (v. 1-4)

Invitation to the Offering:

God shows forth power in Creation; God shows forth power in the summoning of life. In Jesus, God shows forth power to heal and reconcile, power offered that does not coerce, power shared that does not constrain. So God asks, and does not insist, that we extend our gifts. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Chorale -- *Biggs*

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 thank you, God, for the freedom to say yes or no to you. We thank you, even as we know that your requests, if we but honored them, we make a world more wealthy in all things that matter: love and life and joy. Bless these gifts, O God, these things of “Yes,” and guide us to a greater “Yes” ahead. Amen.

Hymn #433: In the Bulb There Is a Flower (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #433: In the Bulb There Is a Flower (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Postlude – McKay

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, September 9 – Council Meeting after worship

Monday, September 10 – Gathering Place will be watching the movie “The Post”

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

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

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Flowers: Karl Kawahara & Moira Tanaka

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
- **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.