

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Season of Creation: Sky Sunday, September 16, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Latai Loa

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Morning Has Broken – *arr. Mike Magatagan*

Hand bell choir

**Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, sun!

**People: Tell of the glory of God.**

Leader: Come, moon!

**People: Reveal God's knowledge.**

Leader: Come, stars!

**People: Shine on the life God gives.**

Leader: Come, everyone!

**People: Come and celebrate God's creation.**

**Hymn #402:** De Colores (v. 1 Spanish, v. 1 – 2 English)

**Invocation:**

**Loving God, we thank you for all of the ways you speak to us: in the day, in the night, in the deep mystery whose voice remains unheard, in the shouts of joy that resound to the ends of the earth. Come, Holy Spirit, pour forth your speech and declare to us your knowledge. 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:** The Heavens are Telling the Glory of God--*Haydn*

Duet: Rachel Edwards, Rev. Eric Anderson

Pianist: Kanako Okita

### **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:** Jeremiah 4:23-28

Psalm 19:1-6

**Sermon:** Beyond Us

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

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

**Hymn #8:** Praise to the Living God (v. 1-3)

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

Ancient people may not have appreciated the size of the universe, but they recognized its grandeur, and they honored God for its creation. We know more, and know that

there is even more we do not know – so let us also honor God for its creation with our gifts. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Canon--*Couperin*

Kayleen Yuda

**Doxology:**

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau  
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō  
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū  
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao.

**Prayer of Dedication:**

We celebrate today the sun, the moon, the stars, the sky – your glory fills us with awe beyond our words. As we offer our gifts this day, reassure us that such great beauty can only grow in you. Amen.

**Hymn #567:** Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Choral Benediction Response #4:** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You (v. 2)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Allegro Moderato -- *Handel*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, September 16 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Monday, September 17 – Gathering Place will enjoy coloring bookmarks and socialization. You are invited.

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

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

**Lay Reader:** Latai "Nuu" Loa

**Flowers:** Joyce Nakamoto

**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards

**Choir Accompanist:** Kanako Okita

**Organist:** Kayleen Yuda

**Hand Bell Director:** Anna Kennedy

**Childcare Coordinator:** Evonne Shiohita

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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.