

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 30, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: Allegretto -- *Ashford*

Anne Sadayasu

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Blessed be our God,

People: Our help in times of trouble.

Leader: Blessed be our God,

People: Our guide along the way.

Leader: Blessed be our God,

People: Our help and our guide.

Leader: Come, let us worship

Hymn #436: God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1-3, 5)

Invocation:

Because of your grace, we are. Because of your love, we act. Because of your spirit, we pray. Because of your gospel, we live. Because of your presence, we worship. If it had not been for you, Creator God, we would not be. So it was, so it is, so it will be, for now and forever. 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: Mark 9:38-50

Sermon: Scandalous

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WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #58: Spirit of Love (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

It's hard for salt to lose its flavor: but add enough water, and you can no longer taste it. Faith – prayer – generosity – add enough “water,” and these, too, lose their flavor. Be salt for the earth in this moment. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Aria in F -- Haynes

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:

Bless these gifts to your service, God. May they act as salt, preserving what you love and bringing out the flavors of your creation. Amen.

Hymn #181: You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #181: You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (v. 4)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Jubilation -- *Denton*

Kayleen Yuda

At the organist's request, please refrain from applause after the Postlude.

Dates to Remember

Today, September 30 – Board of Stewardship & Missions meeting

Monday, October 1 – Gathering Place will enjoy music and socialization. You are invited to join us.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

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

Lay Reader: Anne Sadayasu

Flowers: Laura Ota

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
- **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.