

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

United Church of Christ- Congregational
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai'i
22nd Sunday after Pentecost, October 21, 2018
Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor
Rev. Linda Petrucelli, Guest Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting:

Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome:

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Prelude: Toccata in A Minor -- *Sweelinck*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Layreader: We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

People: But Jesus asks us: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?"

Layreader: The cup of Jesus' own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope. Fullness of life!
We may come here to get close to Jesus,

People: And Jesus asks us: "Can you be baptized with my baptism?"

Layreader: Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships! We may come here for honor or fame,

People: But Jesus challenges us: "To become great you must serve!"

Layreader: Why are we here?

People: To drink the cup of fullness of life; To immerse ourselves in Jesus' struggle for justice and peace, To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Hymn: #8 Praise to the Living God (v 1-4)

Invocation:

Holy Dwelling Place, Your tent is wide enough to provide shelter for all who seek you, food for all who hunger, and healing for all who suffer. Meet us here today, and fill us with confidence in your presence, that we may risk sharing Jesus' cup and his baptism so the world may become the place of love and justice you desire for all. Shelter us with your light, and clothe us with your heavenly garments. Teach us how we may best serve ourselves and one another on this daring adventure. 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.

Scriptures: Mark 10:35-45
Job 38:1-7

Sermon: Difficult Questions, Unexpected Answers

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer / Prayers of the People

Hymn: #539 Won't You Let me Be Your Servant (v 1 -5)

Invitation to Offering

Jesus came not to be served but to serve. Let us follow this example and share our gifts so that we may also experience the joys and challenges of serving. The offering will now be received.

Offertory: Canzonetta -- *Stickles*

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

Parent God, may this offering assist us in continuing Christ's work in the world to heal the grief, transgressions, and illnesses that oppress and harm your creation. Amen.

Hymn: #17 To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (v 1– 4)

Benediction

Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Choral Benediction Response: #539 Won't You Let me Be Your Servant (v 1)

Extinguishing the Altar Candles

Postlude: Postlude in D -- *Gibbs*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Today, October 21 – General Membership Meeting after worship

Monday, October 22 – The Gathering Place – Handwork, games, socializing,
Candle making project is rescheduled to December 3rd.

Sunday, October 28 – All Saints Day service and potluck

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Guest Minister: Rev. Linda Petrucelli

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Ushers: Ben & Reiko Masutomi, Sets Takemoto, Tammy Nagami

Lay Reader: Faith Narruhn

Flowers: Mr. & Mrs. Mark Sakumoto

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.