

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost, November 18, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting
Pastoral Welcome
Prelude

Bob Smith
Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Hand Bell Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: God is our protection, our refuge,

People: Our counsel, our hope.

Leader: God is our cup, our portion,

People: Our guide, our path.

Leader: Come, let us pause. Let us provoke, challenge, comfort, and encourage each other. Let us heed our call to faithful living. Let us come together in worship.

Hymn #422: Come, O Thankful People, Come (v. 1-3)

Invocation

Loving God, help us to behold the gift that it is to be here together, to do your work for your sake. Help us celebrate and learn from our differences, so they draw us closer and do not divide us. Help us to create a worship space where all are free to share their gift, their doubts, and their questions. Make us your living letters of faith, hope, and beauty. 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 Name of God – *David Haas*

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: 1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10

Sermon: Thanks Be to God

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #119: My Soul Gives Glory to My God (v. 1-5)

Invitation to the Offering:

We give from what we have been given. We give from what we have made. Both our own original talents and the materials we reshape come from God. Let us give thanks for these and more – let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Prayer of Thanksgiving—An Old Dutch Melody—*arr. Stickle* 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

Gracious God, we offer you these gifts and these promises today in thanks and in praise. May they increase your glory, your ministry, and your will in the world. Amen.

Hymn #425: For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Choral Benediction Response #425: For the Fruit of All Creation (v. 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Now Thank We All Our God – *Cruger-Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Today, November 18 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, November 18 – Loyalty Sunday

Tuesday November 20 - ICIA Community Thank Celebration at 7PM, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1373 Kilauea Ave, Hilo

Sunday, November 25 – J's Mini Mart

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Ushers: Anne Sadayasu, Eric Tanouye, Stefan & Jennifer Tanouye

Lay Reader: Bob Smith

Flowers: Karl Kawahara & Moira Tanaka

Choir Director: Rachel Edwards

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

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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.