

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday of Advent: Hope, December 2, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Anne Sadayasu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Christians, Carol Sweetly—*German Carol, Arr. Stickles*

Kayleen Yuda

Lighting of the First Advent Candle (Hope)

Leader: In perilous times, God called forth prophets. They spoke against the evils of their day. They raised their voice against oppressors and their deeds. They called for a new day and better ways. To those who suffered came a different word: that on the acceptable day of God, the reign of tyranny would cease.

All Sing: Within us plant the seeds of hope

To sprout into a tree,

To know the promises of God

So difficult to see

And labor in the groves of life

To bring its fruit to be.

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR

Leader: With this first Advent candle, we kindle a flame for hope. This candle glows for the oppressed. This candle glows for the refugees. This candle glows for the lost. This candle glows for the people Jesus came to save.

Hymn #103: Watcher, Tell Us of the Night (v. 1-3)

Invocation:

Holy One, all too frequently our hope flickers like a candle in the wind. We barely feel its warmth. Feed our hope for justice with justice. Feed our hope for healing with healing. Feed our hope for love with love, in the name of the One who came to meet all hopes, Jesus Christ. 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: All Earth is Hopeful – *Thomas Keesecker*

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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Luke 21:25-36

Sermon: Changes Are A-Coming

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #35: O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder (v. 1, 4)

Invitation to the Offering:

In Advent, we give our attention to the “already and not yet” of Christian faith: that Christ has come and made the world new, and that Christ will still come to make a new world. In our giving each week, we do much the same. We give from the faith we have for the world we have, and we give in hope of a deeper faith to come in a new world to come. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: There’s A Song in the Air – *Arr. Whitworth*

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

Renew our hope as we give, O God. Renew our hope for the change that is a-coming. Renew our hope for peace, and joy, and love. Accept our gifts, O God, and renew our hope. Amen.

Hymn #345: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (vs. 1-2, 4)

THE LORD’S SUPPER**Invitation****Consecrating the Bread and Cup****Sharing the Bread and the Cup**

Please come forward, as you are able, to share in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. If you wish we will serve you in your seat. Following communion please form a fellowship circle around the sanctuary.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #112: Keep Awake, Be Always Ready (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #116: O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: The Heralding—*Young*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, December 2 – Trustees meeting after worship

Today, December 2 -- Communion

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

Ushers: Moira Tanaka, Ruth Niino-DuPonte, Newton & Roberta Chu

Lay Reader: Anne Sadayasu

Flowers: Ruth & Sachi Ohata

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
- **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.