

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Epiphany, January 6, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

John Narruhn

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: What Star is This -- *Graham*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Give justice to those who rule, O God,

People: And righteousness to those who lead.

Leader: May the mountains bear prosperity,

People: May the oceans bring forth goodness.

Leader: May our leaders defend the cause of the poor,

People: May our leaders give sustenance to those in need.

Leader: By the power of God, let oppressors fall.

People: Let righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the world is no more.

Hymn #160: Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (Jesus, the Light of the World) (v. 1-3)

Invocation

Grant us light, O God: a guiding light amidst the stars, a lamp aglow to cheer the night, a beacon beckoning to lead us home. Grant us light, O God: the light of the home, the light of the 'ohana, the light of the heart. Grant us light, O God, for you brought it to us in 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: We Three Kings

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: Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: For a Guiding Star

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Installation of Church Officers and Leaders

Pastor: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them.

People: **There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.**

Pastor: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: **The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.**

Pastor: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of different parts.

Pastor: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised, all the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is part of it.

Presentation

Covenant

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Lay Leaders: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing for the love of Christ?

Lay Leaders: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our covenant with them in prayer:

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in your duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before us. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Pastor: In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the people of Church of the Holy Cross United Church of Christ, I rejoice to announce: You are installed in your respective positions. Let all the people say:

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn #159: As with Gladness Those of Old (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Today we have witnessed some among us take on new – or resume long-accustomed – responsibilities among us. We thank them for their gifts. Today we have heard of wise people who traveled far to find a child. We thank them for their gifts. Let us bring our gifts now, and reflect on our gifts for tomorrow, that we may also hear the thanks of God. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: In Dulci Jubilo – *German melody--arr. Haan*

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:

Accept these gifts, O God, a portion of our lives. Accept these gifts, O God, a portion of our commitment. Accept these gifts, O God, and those others we present throughout the week. Accept these gifts, O God, and share your light with us. Amen.

Hymn #163: Many Are the Lightbeams (v. 1-3)

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, then return to your pew and remain standing. If you wish to receive communion in your seat, please remain seated, and we will come to you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn #584: I Am the Light of the World (v. 1-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #161: Amen, Amen

(v. 1, 3)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: March of the Kings – *Simone*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Today, January 6 – Communion

Today, January 6 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, January 7 – Gathering Place: Ukulele and singing. You are invited

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Wayne & Clarice Suzuki, Christian & Theone Albano, Amy Shiroma

Lay Reader: John Narruhn

Flowers: Laura Ota

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shioshita

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, resumes January 15, 2019
- **UCCP Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 6:00 pm in J's Cafe
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2:00 pm in J's Café, resumes January 11, 2019

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
- **Islamic Center of Hawaii** worship in the Meeting Room, Fridays at 12 noon.
Dr. Shawon Rahman