

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Second Sunday of Advent, December 9, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jayson Rekis

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Nowell, Nowell—*Old German Carol, arr. Stickle*

Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Second Advent Candle (Peace):** Henry & Joyce Nakamoto Family

**Nakamoto Family:** Despite the well-known benefits of peace, our conflicts leap to violence all too often. In homes, on streets, in parks, and along the restless borders of the nations, we leave the path of peace to take the weary way of war. Christ Jesus called us to another road.

**All Sing:**

**Let peace take wings and make its flight  
To all ends of the earth  
Let weeping cease and mourning end  
As God's reign proves its worth  
In homes and lands and in our souls  
When Jesus comes to birth.**

TUNE: BROTHER JAMES' AIR

**Nakamoto Family:** In the first candle of Advent, we declare our Hope. In the second candle of Advent, we raise our Hope for Peace. This candle glows for the coerced. This candle glows for those in fear. This candle glows to pierce the shadows that cloud our vision. This candle glows for Peace.

**Hymn #101:** Comfort, Comfort O My People (v. 1-3)

## **Invocation**

**Holy One, inspire Peace within us. Inspire Peace that flows from us. Inspire Peace that raises hearts, and quenches rage. Inspire Peace that overcomes the world. 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 Angel Choirs—*Kountz*

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:** Luke 1:68-79  
Luke 3:1-6

**Sermon:** Guide My Feet

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

## **WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED**

### **Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #497:** Guide My Feet (v. 1-2, 4)

## Reception of New Members:

Henry Nakamoto (Affirmation of Faith)

Julann Sonomura (Affirmation of Faith)

Cheryl Sumida (Reaffirmation of Faith)

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Baptisms

Sharing of the Covenant

**All: We covenant one with another to seek and respond to the Word and the will of God. We agree to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the entire world, while worshiping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did those who came before us, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the kingdom of God, and we look with faith toward the triumph of righteousness and eternal life.**

Welcome

Pastor: Let us, the members of Church of the Holy Cross UCC, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

Prayer

## Invitation to the Offering:

In times of joy, the greatest gift anyone can receive is the gift of peace. In times of sorrow, the greatest gift anyone can receive is the gift of peace. In times of strife, the

greatest gift anyone can receive is the gift of peace. May our gifts now promote that greatest gift of peace in homes near and far away. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** The Quiet Carol -- *Lorenz*

Kayleen Yuda

Please rise if you are able

**Doxology:**

Ho'onani i ka Makua mau  
Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō  
Ke Akua mau, ho'omaika'i pū  
Ko kēia ao ko kēlā ao.

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**We give these gifts, O God, with hope. We give these gifts in the hope of peace. We give these gifts, O God, that peace may come, and all the world rejoice. By your power, please make it so. Amen.**

**Hymn #122:** Come, O Long-Expected Jesus (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #122:** Come, O Long-Expected Jesus (v. 4)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** O Blessed Emmanuel – *Bach, arr. Thompson*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Dates to Remember**

Today, December 9 – All Membership Meeting

Today, December 9 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Today, December 9 – Dedication of Christmas Fund

Today, December 9 – Christmas Caroling

Monday, December 10 – The Gathering Place: Handwork and socialization

**Minister:** Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

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

**Lay Reader:** Jayson Rekis

**Flowers:** Beverly Dodo  
**Choir Director:** Rachel Edwards  
**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
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge
- **Qi Gong,** Fridays, 9:00 am – Building of Faith
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2:00 pm, J’s Cafe

**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.