

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Third Sunday of Advent, December 16, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Angels We Have Heard on High—*French Carol arr. Kraus* Timothy Nakamoto & Kayleen Yuda

**Lighting of the Advent Candles (Joy):** Eric and Lolita Tanouye Family

**Tanouye Family:** It took an angel's visit, and a visit to her cousin, to awaken Mary to the wondrous love who was coming into her world. The words of the prophets were vague; the signs of the times were grim. A Savior's birth was hoped-for but unlooked-for – until the words of Gabriel and Elizabeth unlocked the heart of Mary, and her joy poured forth.

**All Sing:**

**Christ be our joy; O let your birth**

**Awake our songs of praise!**

**Beyond all expectation come**

**To resurrect our days**

**Into a holy mystery**

**We'll celebrate always.**

TUNE: BROTHER JAMES' AIR

**Tanouye Family:** In the first candle of Advent, we declare our Hope. In the second candle of Advent, we declare our commitment to Peace. In the third candle of Advent, we proclaim our Joy, arising when we least expect it. This candle glows for those who mourn. This candle glows for those who hunger. This candle glows for those deprived of health. This candle glows for Joy to the world. Let us pray with Mary in Mary's song:

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

## **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:** Be a Candle of Hope—*Becki Slagle Mayo*

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 12:2-6  
Luke 3:7-18

**Sermon:** Words of Salvation

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

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

**Hymn #116:** O Come, O Come Emmanuel (v. 1-2, 6-7)

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

We do not come to God because we are perfect. We come to God because we seek better ways and times for ourselves, for our families, and for our communities. With our gifts, we seek to bring those better ways and times to be. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Ain-a That Good News—arr. William L. Dawson Rachel Edwards &  
Rev. Eric Anderson

**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**

**John summoned us to repentance, O God, and certainly we know of our need to reconcile with one another and with you. Accept these gifts, we pray, not as a purchase of your favor, but as a contribution to the joyful life we wish to share with all your people. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn #129:** Good Christian Friends, Rejoice (v. 1-3)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #125:** Angels We Have Heard on High (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Paeon – *Tambling* Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, December 16 – Christmas Pageant

Monday, December 17 – The Gathering Place: View the last episode of the documentary related to the Japanese during WWII

Sunday, December 23 – Deacons meeting after Worship

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

**Moderator:** Gloria Kobayashi

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

**Lay Reader:** Roberta Chu

**Flowers:** Jean Kita

**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

**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**