

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
First Sunday after Christmas, December 30, 2018

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude: He is Born, the Holy Child -- *Paxton*

Gloria Kobayashi

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: From height to depth, from earth to skies,

People: **Let all creation praise the LORD!**

Leader: From the greatest of creatures

People: **To the smallest of flowers,**

Leader: Let all creation praise the LORD!

People: **And now from us,**

Leader: Who have been given a child of wonder:

All: **Let all creation praise the LORD!**

Hymn #154: Go Tell It on the Mountain (v. 1-3)

Invocation

Holy One, we come to you from activity and engagement, from work and from obligations. In a busy season we have been busy ourselves! So let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts. Clothe us in love. Unite us in harmony – in the hymns we sing this day, and in the love we share tomorrow. 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

IYAA

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.

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Sermon: And Yet We Learn

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WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #148: What Child Is This (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

To one another, we give compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. We give these gifts at Christmas and throughout the year – at least, we try. Wondrously, these are also gifts to God. For our Creator and Savior, and for our neighbors on this earth, let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Resonet in Laudibus— *German Carol arr. Paxton*

Kayleen Yuda

Doxology: (Chuukese)

Mwareiti Kot kich meinisin

Pun i echok a manaman

Sipwe mwareiti feilfoilo

Kot Sam, Kot Nau, Kot Ngunmifel—Amen

Prayer of Dedication

We present these gifts in the name of Jesus. Accept them, O God, and bless them in their use on earth. Let the peace of Christ rule in every heart. Amen.

Hymn #146: Nu Oli (v. 1 Hawaiian, v. 1 English, v. 2-3 Hawaiian)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #161: Amen, Amen (v. 1-2)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Jubilate Deo – *Handel-Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, January 1 – CHC office closed

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Gloria Kobayashi

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

Lay Reader: Gloria Kobayashi

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
- **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Sundays, 8:30 am, Sanctuary
- **UCCP Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 6:00 pm – J's Cafe
- **IYAA Bible Study,** Wednesdays, 7:30 pm in the Lounge

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