

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
First Sunday after Epiphany  
Baptism of Jesus, January 13, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Woody Kita

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Prelude:** Epiphany -- *Goller*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship (based on Isaiah 43)**

Leader: Do you remember what God said to you, the one who created you?

**People: God told us not to fear, that we have been redeemed.**

Leader: God said, "I have called you by name. You are mine."

**People: We have passed through the waters, and God has been with us.**

Leader: We have walked close to fire; we have not been consumed.

**People: God told us, "You are precious in my sight."**

Leader: So now do not fear. Give God glory and praise.

**People: God has formed us in love and called us by name.**

**Hymn #169:** What Ruler Wades through Murky Streams (v. 1-3)

**Invocation (based on Psalm 29)**

**Glory and strength are yours, O God. You soar over the waters, you thunder in the ocean, you move softly through the mountain forest. We have seen your dancing in our elders and the heard your wisdom in our keiki. Here in your house, we stand**

and cry, "Glory!" Accept our worship and praise, and great God, grant us peace.  
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:** Hearts, Hands, and Voices – *Eric Anderson*

Rebekah & Rev. Eric  
Anderson

### **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 3:15-17, 21-22

**Sermon:** Like a Dove

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

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

**Hymn #270:** Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

We wonder: who else heard the voice that spoke to Jesus? Was it soft within his ear, a voice no other heard? Or did it echo down the Jordan valley, making people stop and star? Loud or soft, still or grand, God spoke and summoned Jesus, and he answered. In this moment, listen for the voice of God, and as you hear it, answer. Let our offering now be received.

**Offertory:** Meditation -- *Lafky*

Kayleen Yuda

**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. --Amene

**Prayer of Dedication**

**You have washed us, O God, in the waters of your love. You have summoned us, O God, with the fires of your heart. You have empowered us, O God, with the wings of your Spirit. Accept these gifts we pray, the offering of your thankful people. Amen.**

**Hymn #164:** Arise, Your Light Is Come (v. 1-4)**Benediction****Choral Benediction Response #161:** Amen, Amen (v. 2-3)**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles****Postlude:** Postlude -- *McKay*

Kayleen Yuda

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

**Dates to Remember**

Today, January 13 – Council Meeting after worship

Today, January 13 – Annual Reports Due

Monday, January 14 – Gathering Place: Movie--Coco

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

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Ushers:** Barbara Iwami, Lei Jack, Joyce Nakamoto, Michi Koizumi & Millie Daikawa

**Lay Reader:** Woody Kita

**Flowers:** Lillian Tanouye, Eric Tanouye, Kyle Nakayama families

**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
- **Gathering Place:** Mondays, 9:00 am in the Building of Faith
- **Rhythm & Life:** Tuesdays, 3:00 pm, Building of Faith
- **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, sanctuary

#### **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**