

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 3, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carol Morioka

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Chaconne -- *Chambonnieres*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship

Leader: Would you be a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal?

People: Without love, our sweetest words would baffle the ears.

Leader: Would you do much, strive much, gain much, and yet be nothing?

People: Without love, our powers and knowledge crumble to dust.

Leader: Would you give all you have to give, and yet gain nothing?

People: We would be patient; we would be kind. We would serve in love. We would be Christ's disciples.

Leader: Come then:

People: We will worship God.

Hymn #455: I Am Yours, O God (v. 1-3)

Invocation

Accept us into this refuge, O God, despite our burdens and our shames. The world is all too much for us, and we have known the wickedness and cruelty of humanity. You are our hope. You are our trust. Restore us here in love, our shelter and our God. 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: Where Love Is – *Joanne Bushman Doxey, Marjorie Castleton Kjar, and Norma B. Smith*
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: Jeremiah 1:4-10
Luke 4:21-30

Sermon: Tough Call

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #413: By Gracious Powers (v. 1-2)

Invitation to the Offering:

All of us – yes, all of us – give something of ourselves in service of our God each and every day. We smile. We help. We lift up. We defend. We pray. Let us take this moment, not to be the only one of giving for today, but to let it join our daily work of loving faith. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Air -- *Purcell*

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

We give to your honor, O God. We give to your glory. We give to your people, and we give to your creation. Accept these gifts, O God, and let your righteousness spring forth among the nations. Amen.

Hymn #336: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face (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 #442: I'm Pressing on the Upward Way (v. 1, 3-4)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #496: Ekolu Mea Nui (v. 1-2)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: O Wondrous Day -- *Mansfield*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 3 – Communion

Today, February 3 – Trustee's Meeting after worship

Today, February 3 – Deacon's Meeting after worship

Monday, February 4 – The Gathering Place: Pickle ball and socialization

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Carol Morioka

Flowers: Gloria Kobayashi

Choir Director: Iese Wilson

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, pickle ball 1:00 pm in the Building of Faith
- **Rhythm & Life:** Tuesdays, 3:00 pm, Building of Faith
- **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Sundays, 8:30 am, Meeting Room
- **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