

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, February 17, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Newton Chu

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: When Morning Gilds the Sky – *Wood/Barnby*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship is based on *Jeremiah 17:5-10*

Leader: Woe to those who put their trust in themselves, whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

People: **We have seen it. We have done it. We have seen our plans whither like a plant without water, lost in the desert.**

Leader: Blessed are they who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord.

People: **They grow like a tree by a stream, they thrive beneath a Hilo rain. They grow, they stay green, they bear fruit.**

Leader: Who can understand the human heart, and all its devious ways?

People: **The Lord can follow those twists and turns, and so we give God praise.**

Hymn #237: I Come to the Garden Alone (v. 1-3)

Invocation Based on *Psalm 1*

We would not follow the advice of the wicked, O God, or follow the paths of sin, or join the clacking voices of the scoffers. Instead, we would focus on your law, your love, your grace. May we be trees well-watered, bursting with blossoms, heavy with fruit. May we echo your goodness, revived by this time of worship. 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 Saints Bound for Heaven—*William Walker, arr. Peter Paul Olejar*

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: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
Luke 6:17-26

Sermon: Now Wait a Minute

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #180: Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus said that the poor are blessed. Jesus said that the hungry will be filled. Jesus said that the weeping will laugh. Jesus said that the oppressed will triumph. All this lies ahead: yet it draws a little closer when we act to make it so. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Meditation -- *Lasky*

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

It makes little sense to give to you, O God. Everything is yours; what do you need of what we hold so briefly? Yet here we bring our gifts. Here we bring our hearts. We bless you for equipping us to love and give as you have done. Amen.

Hymn #531: God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak (v. 1, 3-4)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allegro Moderato – *Handel arr. Russell*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, February 17 – Membership Information Session

Monday, February 18 – President’s Day; office closed

Friday, February 22 – Community Sing, 6 p.m., sanctuary. Everyone is invited.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Newton Chu

Flowers: Hats Kamimura

Choir Director: Iese Wilson

Choir Accompanist: Kanako Okita

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Hand Bell Director: Anna Kennedy

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

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

▪ **Rhythm & Life:** Tuesdays, 3:00 pm, Building of Faith

▪ **Musicianship:** Tuesdays, 4:00 pm, Building of Faith Meeting Room—learn to read music

▪ **Choir Practice:** Tuesdays, 4:30 pm, Building of Faith Meeting Room, Sundays, 8:30 am, sanctuary

▪ **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