

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany, February 24, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Carolyn Lum-Bellem

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Canzona -- *Zipoli*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *is based on Psalm 37*

Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not envy those who do wrong,

People: **They will fade like the grass, they will wither like green herbs.**

Leader: Take delight in our God, who holds the human heart.

People: **We trust in the Lord, the One who hears and who acts.**

Leader: God will make vindication shine like light, and justice like noonday.

People: **Let us be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for renewal.**

Hymn #170: Your Ways Are Not Our Own (v. 1-5)

Invocation

We would ask, O God: What of tomorrow? What of the future? What of our death? What of new life? What of evil? And what about good? Will we ever see justice? Or even its seed? In this time of our prayers, we do not expect answers: just your presence, O God, to assure our spirits that what has been sown in weakness will be raised in power. 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.**

Scriptures: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
Luke 6:27-38

Sermon: Hard Love

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #590: Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus said, "Give, and it will be given to you." He did not say when, and he did not say how, but he assured his disciples that their gifts would be matched and more. So bring your offerings now, in the faith that God has more to come. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Elevation – *Guilmant*

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

To you we offer these gifts, O God. They come from our lives and work, they come from our hearts and minds. Accept them, we pray, to lift up those who stumble on the hard and rocky ways of Earth. Accept them, we pray, to raise our souls as well. Amen.

Hymn #388: Help Us Accept Each Other (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: The Soldier of the Lord -- *Hughes*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Today, February 24– Annual Membership Meeting after worship

Today, February 24 – J's Mini Mart

Monday, February 25 – Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

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

Lay Reader: Carolyn Lum Bellem

Flowers: Theone Albano & Jill Suzuki

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
- **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