

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Transfiguration Sunday, March 3, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Jayson Rekis

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Pastorale -- *Couperin*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *is based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

Leader: Though the ways of God are frightening, come with courage to this place.

People: **Though the light of God is more than we can bear, we come to know its glow.**

Leader: Do not let your minds be hardened. Do not let your heart grow faint.

People: **We would take away the veil that shrouds the love of God.**

Leader: For the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

People: **Come, Holy Spirit! Make us free.**

Hymn #1: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (v. 1-3)

Invocation *Based on 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2*

If our bodies had the wisdom of our minds, O God, we would tremble in this place. We would tremble anywhere we dared to call upon your name, for love as great as yours leaves us gasping in our efforts to sing praise. We do not lose heart in our discipleship, O God. Assured of your mercy, we come to you. 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: Psalm 23rd The Lord is My Shepherd – Howard Goodall 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: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm 99

Luke 9:28-43a

Sermon: Oooo, Scary!

Rev. John Madsen-Bibeau

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #524: This Little Light (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

Let your light shine. Let your light shine in compassion to your neighbors. Let your light shine in understanding for your loved ones. Let your light shine in praise brought to God. Let your light shine in giving, as God leads you to give. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Blessed Jesus, We Are Here -- *Walther*

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

You overwhelm us, Holy One. You have given us a universe. You have given us ‘ohana to love and care for us. You have given us purpose and meaning. You have given us Jesus. Receive our gifts, laid now before you, in thanksgiving for your love. 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 #337: Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Rigaudon -- *Campra*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 3 – Trustees Meeting after worship

Monday, March 4 – Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m.

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn, Stuart Mori

Lay Reader: Jayson Rekis

Flowers: Irene Okada

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