

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
First Sunday in Lent, March 10, 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:** Kum Ba Yah – African Folk Song, *arr. Smith*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship** *Based on Psalm 91*

**Leader:** We live in the shelter of the Most High. We abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**People:** **We say to the Lord: “My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust.”**

**Leader:** Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,

**People:** **No evil shall befall us, no scourge come near our tent.**

**Leader:** God has said, “I will deliver those who love me, I will protect those who know my name.”

**People:** **We will call upon God in times of trouble. We will see the salvation of the Lord.**

**Hymn #460:** Be Not Dismayed (v. 1-2, 4)

**Invocation**

**Truly, O God, we know you are with us always. We confess that we do not always find you in our troubles. We do not always sense your salvation. Let your help be always tangible to us; let your Spirit build our strength. In this time together, renew our faith and confidence, and encourage us in our songs of praise. In the name of Jesus, 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:** My Kindness Shall Not Depart From Thee – *Rob Gardner*

lese Wilson, soloist

### **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 4:1-13

**Sermon:** Change the Test

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

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

**Hymn #211:** Lord Jesus, Who through Forty Days (v. 1-4)

### **Invitation to the Offering:**

When the people of Israel first came to the Promised Land, they made an offering: the first of the ripened fruits they grew in their new homeland. They recalled the slavery from which God had freed them. They gave thanks for the mighty power of God. They presented their gifts, then they celebrated their freedom and their homes. Bring now

your gifts, and give thanks for your freedom and your homes. Let our offering be received.

**Offertory:** Introit – *Schubert arr. Lorenz*

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. 'Āmene

**Prayer of Dedication**

**We celebrate your goodness, O God, with these our gifts. We celebrate the freedom we enjoy. We celebrate the homes which keep us sheltered. These come from you, and with these gifts we remember your bounty and your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

**Hymn #209:** O Love, How Vast, How Flowing Free (v. 1, 3, 6)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #580:** O Kou Aloha No (v. 1)

**Postlude:** Great God of Glory -- *Paxton*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, March 10 – Council Meeting after worship

Today, March 10 – Revised Handbook materials due

Monday, March 11 – Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickle ball at 1 p.m.

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

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

**Ushers:** Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn, Stuart Mori

**Lay Reader:** Jayson Rekis

**Flowers:** Carolyn Lum-Bellem

**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**