

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Second Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Jane Kawazoe

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric Anderson

Worship and Praise Our Lord & King – *arr. Michael Helman*

Handbell choir

Prelude: Berceuse -- *Denton*

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Psalm 27*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers seek to do me harm, my adversaries shall stumble and fall.

People: **Though an army camp against me, my heart shall not fear.**

Leader: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

People: **Wait for the Lord: be strong, and let your heart take courage.**

All: **Wait for the Lord!**

Hymn #439: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (v. 1-4)

Invocation

Holy God, you offered your promises to Abraham, promises that would take years to reach fulfillment. “Do not be afraid,” you said. He hardly dared to believe. He asked you for a sign. And in the end, he did believe. Be with us in this hour, with we reluctant Abrahams. Help us believe in goodness still ahead of us, for us and for the world. As we worship you, hear our faith as righteousness. 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

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: Luke 13:31-35

Sermon: Steadfast

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #502: Dear God, Embracing Humankind (v. 1, 4-5)

Invitation to the Offering:

Somewhere in the future, God has said, the world will be made new. Until then, we strive to make it newer than it was, sweeter than it was, more loving than it was. In our daily work, in our care at home, and together in our offerings, let us make a better world: let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Et Incarnatus – *by Haydn, arr. Hopkins*

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

Accept these gifts, O God, from your brave yet trembling people. May we trust in your salvation, both in distant days and in each waking hour. Bless us as your present-day apostles, proclaiming grace and peace. Amen.

Hymn #490: I Want Jesus to Go with Me (v. 1-3)

Benediction

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

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Allemande – *by Corelli, arr. Norris*

Kayleen Yuda

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

Dates to Remember

Monday, March 18 – Gathering Place at 9 a.m., pickleball at 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 24 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Sunday, March 24 – J's Mini Mart

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn, Stuart Mori

Lay Reader: Jane Kawazoe

Flowers: Goya Family

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