

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Third Sunday in Lent, March 24, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting

Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Pastoral Welcome

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Prelude: Reflections -- Simone

Kayleen Yuda

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 55:1-9*

Leader: Everyone who thirsts: come to the waters!

People: What if we have no money?

Leader: Come, buy and eat! Buy wine and milk without money, without price.

People: How can this be? Who is this who sells without price?

Leader: Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread? Why do you labor for things that do not satisfy?

People: Truly, this must be the voice of God, for God alone gives at full value. God alone gives at no price.

Leader: God says, "My thoughts are not your thoughts. My ways are not your ways."

People: And so do our thoughts turn to praise: we lift our voices higher than the heavens, to please the ears of God.

Hymn #70: God Is Here! As We Your People Meet (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Psalm 63:1-8*

O God, you are our God. We seek you with our thirsty, fainting souls. Because your steadfast love is better than life itself, we praise you with our voices. You have been our steadfast help. In the shadow of your wings we sing for joy. Cling to our souls, O God, and let your hand uphold us as we 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

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.

Please be seated

Scriptures: Isaiah 55:1-9
Luke 13:1-9

Sermon: Fresh Figs

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #586: Come to Tend God's Garden (v. 1-3)

Invitation to the Offering:

We plant, we nurture, and we cultivate the fruit trees of our lives. Some may be actual trees, that become heavy with guava, tangerine, or avocado. Some may be the trees of daily work: building, or planning, or helping, or selling. Some may be the trees of love and

friendship: sharing, giving, forgiving, and growing. Find some of the fruit of your daily life, and present it here. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory: Remembrance -- Chesterton

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 our gifts, O God, from imperfect tenders of trees. We do not do the things which would help our souls to grow as we should; we do not assist others with their growth as we might. We strive, and we work, and we grow a little more each day. Accept our gifts, O God, from we imperfect tenders of your trees. Amen.

Hymn #23: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (v. 1-2)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude: Praise Him -- *Saxton*

Kayleen Yuda

Dates to Remember

Today, March 24 – Deacons Meeting after worship

Today, March 24 – J's Mini Mart

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

Thursday, March 28 – Sr. Ministry meeting at 10:00 a.m. The topic is "Medical Marijuana".

Please join us, lunch will be served.

Saturday, March 30 – IYAA car wash from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 31 – Stewardship & Mission Meeting after worship

Sunday, March 31 – One Great Hour of Sharing

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Jayson Rekis, Reilly Narruhn, Stuart Mori

Lay Reader: Ruth Niino-DuPonte

Flowers: Kay Kawachika and Mary Ann Katayama

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
 - Thursdays during Lent, 6:30 pm – Pastor's office, March 28, April 4, April 11
- **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