

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i
Fifth Sunday in Lent, April 7, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing

Words of Greeting
Pastoral Welcome
Prelude

Stefan Tanouye
Rev. Eric S. Anderson
Kanakano Okita

Call to Worship *based on Isaiah 43:16-21*

Leader: Did you hear it in the tossing of the sea? Did you hear the calling voice?

People: **We thought we heard a word: “Do not remember the former things. Do not consider the ways of old.**

Leader: “I am about to do a new thing. Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?”

People: **We see water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, sustenance for all God’s people.**

All: **In this hour of worship, we declare to God our praise.**

Hymn #210: Said Judas to Mary (v. 1-3)

Invocation *based on Psalm 126*

When you restored the ancient peoples, O God, returned them to their homes, then laughter filled their mouths. Joy bubbled from their tongues. Restore the lives of all who suffer now, O God. Let those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. May we be among those who come home celebrating, carrying our sheaves. 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: *The Prayer - Carole Bayer-Sager and David Foster* 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: Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

Sermon: God's Not Done with Me

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People

Hymn #210: Said Judas to Mary (v. 4-6)

Invitation to the Offering:

Jesus didn't seek it. The disciples would have prevented it. Some might even have stolen it. Undeterred by any of that, Mary of Bethany brought her extravagant gift. She brought her extravagant heart. Do not let anything stand between your heart and the

love of Christ. Bring your gifts with as much courage, resolve, and aloha as did Mary. Let our offering now be received.

Offertory

Kanako Okita

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

The scent of the perfume filled the house, O God, when Mary of Bethany anointed Jesus, an unmistakable sign of her great love for him. Let the love within these gifts ascend to you, O God, and fill your heart: we present them with no less love than hers. In Jesus' name, 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 #536: Savior, an Offering Costly and Sweet (v. 1-3)

Benediction

Choral Benediction Response #580: O Kou Aloha No (The Queen's Prayer) (v. 1)

Extinguishing of the Altar Candles

Postlude

Kanako Okita

Dates to Remember

Today, April 7 – Bread for the World

Monday, April 8 – The Gathering Place 9 a.m. in the Meeting Room, pickleball at 1 p.m.

Thursday, April 11-- Assembling the Bible--Lenten Study, 6:30 p.m. Pastor's office

Saturday, April 13 – Service Day

Minister: Rev. Eric S. Anderson

Moderator: Bob Smith

Ushers: Julann Sonomura, Cheryl Sumida, Linda Larson, Newton and Roberta Chu

Lay Reader: Stefan Tanouye

Flowers: Janet Fujioka

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
- **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
- **Assembling the Bible – Lenten Study,** Thursday, 6:30 pm, Pastors office
- **Hand Bell Choir Practice:** Fridays, 2:00 pm in 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