

**CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL  
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawai`i  
Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019

Rev. Eric S. Anderson, Pastor

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD**

**Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing**

**Words of Greeting**

Jennifer Tanouye

**Pastoral Welcome**

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

**Bell Introit:** Jesus Christ is Risen Today-- *arr. R. Growth and K. McChesney*

Handbell Choir

**Prelude:** Risen to Victory – *Birchwood*

Kayleen Yuda

**Call to Worship** *based on Isaiah 65:17-25*

Leader: God says, "I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not come to mind."

**People: Let us be glad and rejoice forever in the blessings of God. Let us live in joy, and let us be a people of delight.**

Leader: God says, "I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; nor more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress."

**People: We too will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight to be God's people. We will let the sound of weeping pass beyond our memory.**

Leader: For God has come to raise the crucified to life. God has come to end the tyranny of death.

**People: On Easter morn, we sing our deep delight. On Easter morn, we praise the morning star.**

Leader: Come! Let us praise the risen Lord!

**Hymn #233:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (v. 1-4)

Invocation *based on Acts 10:34-43*

**We are witnesses, O God. No, we did not see the empty tomb. No, we did not meet a familiar stranger on the road. No, we did not mistake our most beloved teacher for the gardener. Yet we are witnesses, O God. We have seen You working in the heart. We have seen You dancing in the clouds. We have seen Your life, and love, and light break forth in ways as unexpected as the rising of the dead. We are witnesses, O God, to your aloha. On this Easter, hear our grateful praise. 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:** John 20:1-18

**Sermon:** First Apostle

Rev. Eric S. Anderson

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

**Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People**

**Hymn #245:** The Day of Resurrection (v. 1-3)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

God has given life to us over and over again. God gave us life in the Creation, and God gave us life in our ancestors in faith. God gave us life in our parents, and God gave us life in the guidance of our lives. God gave us life in Jesus: a life beyond what we know or imagine, a life free of what burdens us here. God has given us life. Let our offering of joy now be received.

**Offertory:** Lilies—*Mumma/Wilson*

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**

**God of life, thank you for the life of Jesus. Thank you for his triumph over the grave that gives to each of us assurance of your grace. Accept these gifts presented by our grateful hearts. Accept these gifts, and with them make new life in others burdened down with care. Amen.**

**Hymn #301:** Crown with Your Richest Crowns (v. 1-5)

**Benediction**

**Choral Benediction Response #257:** Alleluia! Gracious Jesus! (v. 1)

**Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

**Postlude:** Easter Joy – *Blake*

Kayleen Yuda

**Dates to Remember**

Today, April 21 – Easter Sunday – He has risen

Monday, April 15 – The Gathering Place, 9 am Building of Faith, pickleball 1 pm

Thursday, April 25—Senior Ministry, 10 am in the sanctuary, 11:30 am lunch served in the Building of Faith.

Friday, April 26 – Community Sing, 6:00 pm in the sanctuary

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

**Moderator:** Bob Smith

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

**Lay Reader:** Jennifer Tanouye

**Flowers:** Millie Daikawa

**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
- **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 sanctuary
- **Community Sing:** 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays, 6:00 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**